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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

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14 November 1944

SUBJECT : Italian Army Vehicles.

TO : HQ - Allied Commission
Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

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1. Reference your A2/5 dated 6 November 1944.

2. We enclose letter received from the Provincial Commissioner, Rieti Province.

3. We suggest that you communicate with Group Capt. Benson direct.

4. If we can be of any further assistance in this matter, please let us know.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A.D.BONHAM-CARTER
Lt.Colonel
Executive Officer (Provinces)

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ALLIED COMMISSION
RIETI PROVINCE
LAZIO REGION
APO 394

RIETI
II Nov 44

SUBJECT : "Italian Army Vehicles"

TO : HQ AMG Lazio Umbria Region
Attn. Executive Officer Provinces

I. Reference is made to letter your HQ 8 Nov 44 R5633 on above noted subject and to accompanying inclosure from Land Forces Sub Commission (AC MMIA) 6 Nov 44.

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Huston D. Crippen, Major AUS
Provincial Commissioner

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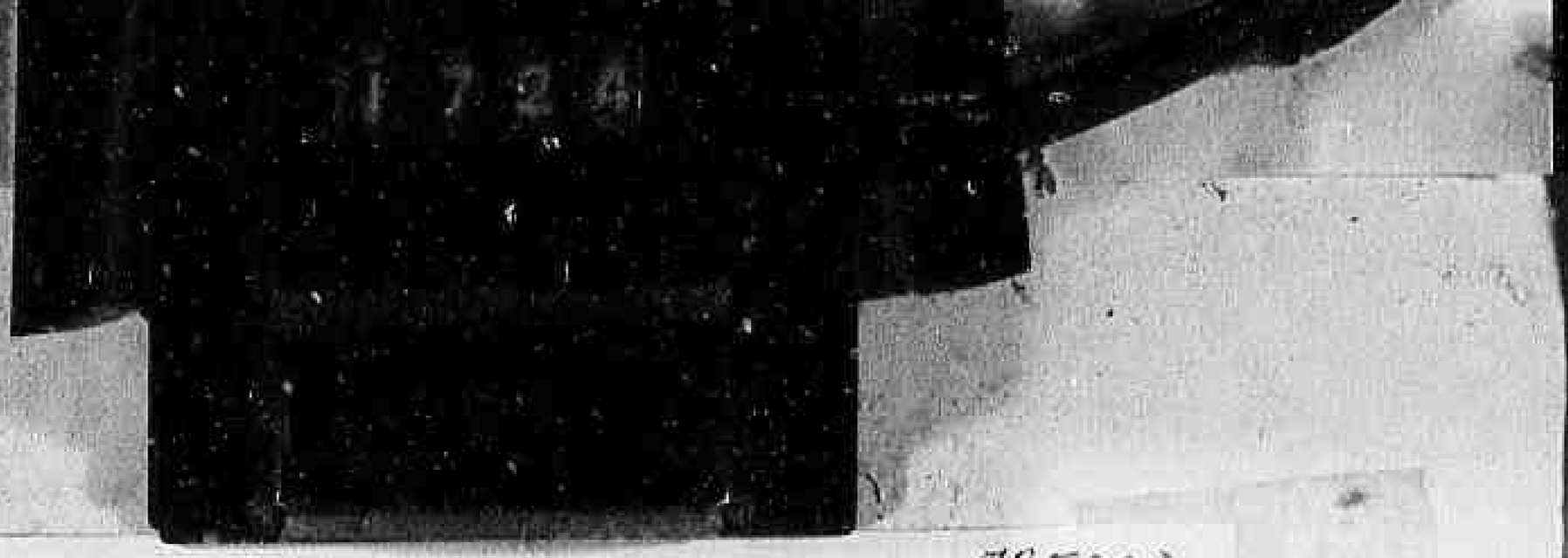

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TO :- G(Internal)
Ufficio Trasporti.
Float File.

From :- Nov.I.C. (MMIA).

14 Nov 44.

Movement of vehicles ex Sardinia.

I give below copy of AFHQ signal FX 51965 dated 13 Nov 44.

FROM AFHQ CITE FHGDM.

TO AGC SARDINIA.
(INFO) MCV MMIA. AAI. 74 E.U. STLO CAGLIARI.

FX 51965 (.) SECRET (.) Ref your AGS-225 dated 11 Nov it has been found possible to provide MT shipping to move the vehicles on priority list 7 (.) The following programme has been arranged and will mean that the LIBA Crane will not be necessary as MT ships will handle with their own derricks (.) Approx Nov 14 SAMLEYTE for RAF vehicles (.) Approx Nov 19 FORT ORAHAME for balance of RAF vehicles and fill capacity Italy vehicles to heel (.) Approx Nov 24 1 MT for Italian vehicles (.) Thereafter 1 MT Ship approx every 5 days subject to shipping being available till vehicles on list 7 are complete (.) Agreed.

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Capt RE.
Nov. I.C.

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COPY OF EMERGENCY OPS SIGNAL.

Date and time sent. 11.11/2A

To Nav AFHQ Info Nav MEDIA from ACC SARDINIA signed Westbury

C4 = ACS.Y.225.

Reference conversation Colonel GRENFELL Capt WESTBURY and COMMODORE signal ACS.51384. Impossible load vehicles on Colliers unless LTA crane at present working CAGLIARI but destined to depart be left until LT. ships put into service.

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SECRET

COPY

AP/5 22/11

FROM FREEDOM

DATE TIME 141711

TO AGC SARD.
PBS MMIA LO * MMIA -
AAI - DISTHREE - MOV NAPLES

REF NO: FX 52542

STARTING 14 NOVEMBER 1 MT SHIP EVERY 5 DAYS WILL LOAD LIST 7 VEHICLES AT CAGLIARI FOR ITALY.

(FX 52542 ADDSD AGC SARDINIA FOR PENNYCUICK FOR SIMMONS, INFORMATION PBS FOR MMIA LO SIGNED SAC ACTION TO AGC SARDINIA CMA MMIA FOR INFO TO AAI CMA PBS CMA DISTHREE CMA PBS CMA MOV NAPLES. CITE FHGCT)

CAPACITY 120 VEHICLES PER LIFT. AGC SARDINIA WILL ENSURE VEHICLES CONCENTRATED CAGLIARI IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO AVAID DELAY IN LOADING. MMIS WILL ENSURE ITALIAN VEHICLES READY IN QUANTITY AT PORT FROM 19 NOVEMBER ONWARD AND WILL ARRANGE DISPOSAL ON DESEMBARKATION

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LROF V LAEE NR 45

QVR 4

FROM DISTHREE 141200A

TO MMIA LO NAPLES MMIA LO BARI

INFO AFHQ Q(AE) MMIA 50 BLU

GR 39 BT

QG3318 . CONFIDENTIAL . UNDERSTAND 1200 AMBULANCE CAR PL HOLDS AMBULANCE QTY 2 IN WKSPS NAPLES AND AMBULANCES QTY 8 IN WKSPS BARI . REQUEST YOU REPORT TO THIS HQ CONDITION OF AMBULANCES IN WKSPS . AFHQ Q(AE) YOUR AFHQ /6442/Q(AE) OF 03 REFERS

BT 141200A

SENT NR 45 1355A LS B KK

NR 45 RECD 141355A PJB BB

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Subject: Italian Military Transport

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
AG/E
14 November 1944

To : Hq, AAI

Copy to: AFHQ for Col Libby, G-4 Section

1. Attention is invited to attached copy of letter from MMIA LO Fifth Army, dated 7 November 1944.

2. The situation can be summarized as follows:

a. The authorized Italian Army detachment located 80 Italian Army vehicles in various private garages in Florence. Some of these vehicles had been dismantled, the chassis being stored in one place, the engines in another, and the tires elsewhere. Some of the vehicles were in running condition and had been licensed by the Allied vehicle registration officer in Florence.

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b. The statement of the civilian garage owners that the vehicles had been purchased from the Germans is of no consequence, and could not operate in favor of the civilians as against the Italian Government, even if true.

c. The fact that some of the vehicles had been dismantled, parts scattered, and repainting attempted to conceal the true identity of the vehicles, is simple evidence that an attempt is being made to steal these vehicles.

d. Major Van Kirk's action in consulting the Allied vehicle registration officer in Florence in order to avoid complication in recovering these vehicles was perfectly proper and should have resulted in Allied cooperation, not interference, disregard of specific Allied orders, and threats.

e. The action of the Allied officer, Captain Sanders, acting on orders of Lt. Col. Nolph, in threatening the Italian officer with arrest, and preventing the recovery of these vehicles by the Italian Army, was in direct violation of existing instructions, and as a matter of simple justice makes the Allies responsible to the Italian Government for any loss of these vehicles which may occur.

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3. Discussion

a. It is evident that an attempt has been made by Italian civilians to steal these vehicles, and the interference of Allied officers in their recovery has given the thieves time to further dismantle the vehicles and hide the various parts, making recovery difficult if not impossible.

b. The action of the Allied officers in arbitrarily preventing the Italian officers carrying out existing directives, and threatening such Italian officers with arrest, which could not legally be enforced, can be explained only that the Allied officers are attempting to protect the thieves, either through ignorance, or because of ulterior interest.

c. It has been stated that the value of a truck is about $10,000.00 on the black market. Therefore the incentive for this steal is very plain.

4. Recommendations

a. That Captain Sanders and Lt. Col. Rolph be required to deliver these vehicles to the proper Italian Army authorities forthwith and asked for an explanation of their arbitrary and illegal behavior.

b. That the attention of all Allied officers be drawn again to existing instructions regarding Italian Army property.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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1 Incl:
Ltr MMIA to 5th Army, 7 Nov 44.

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Subject:- Fiat 1100 Engine from Mesagne.

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13 Nov 44.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA).
ROME.
tel: Rome 489081 EXT 526.

To: Major Phelps,
No 1 Sub Section,
Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub Commission,
c/o H.Q. Allied Commission.

Copy: L.O. Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA).
c/o HQ 52 Area.
Tn Sub Commission H.Q. A.C.

1. In reply to your DP/T/2 of 1 Nov 44.

2. It is regretted authority cannot be granted for issue of Italian Military spares and parts to other organisations, owing to the acute general situation of Italian Army M.T.

3. It is understood that spares for requisitioned Italian vehicles operated by Sub Commissions of Allied Commission should be obtainable via Transportation Sub Commission who are in control of all civilian spare parts in liberated Italy.

(O.C. PAPINEAU).
Major RASC.
for Lt. Col.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA).

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COPY

No 1 Sub Section
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub Commission
Allied Control Commission.

DP/T/2
1 November 44.

Subject:- Fiat Motor

To: HQ, MMIA, Rome.

1. It is requested that authority be granted this HQ to draw one FIAT 1100 motor from the Italian MT Depot at Mesagne.

2. We are in possession of a requisitioned Italian Fiat 1100 which is now off the road and requires a new engine. From our information the engine required is available at Mesagne.

3. It would be greatly appreciated if the authority to release it could be granted.

(C.H. PHELPS)
Major, GSC.
No 1 Sub Section.

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SUBJECT: Transport for Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/Q/29/2
13 Nov 44

TO : A.F.H.Q.

Copy to: 3 District
52, 53 ELU
D.M.T.

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This was probably unavoidable owing to the short time allowed for equipping and training these first two groups.

2. The case of the Second two groups (LEGNANO and FOLGORE) now beginning training in the PIEDMONTE area is different. It is anticipated that the bulk of the equipment will not be available till the end of December, whereas the personnel to handle vehicles are ready and waiting at this moment, without adequate facilities to begin even elementary training.

3. It is recommended therefore that however difficult it may be, efforts should be made to "feed in" NOW small numbers of lorries and carriers (perhaps 50 at a time) so that drivers can be trained, gradually and thoroughly before receiving more vehicles than they can deal with. If this could be done, the issue of vehicles to units would be withheld until they had proved themselves capable of taking care of their losses

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4. Your support of this proposal and the consequent release of say 100 vehicles per week for the next six weeks is earnestly requested.

L. Browning

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA

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Gabinetto

Prot. N. 30/1345/C *Allegati* —

Roma, 12 novembre 1944

Risposta al f. del —

Div. — *Sez.* — *N.* —

OGGETTO. Rifornimenti via mare alla Divisione "Garibaldi" -

Al LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO -Ufficio Servizi - SEDE

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Il Ten.Col. STAGNI' comandante la Base della Divisione "Garibaldi", sentito il parere - tramite comando della divisione stessa - delle autorità dell'esercito di liberazione jugoslavo, ha preso contatto con le autorità anglo-americane delle Puglie (F.O.L.I. - B.A.F. - Missione Militare "M"), preposte ai rifornimenti della Belcsnia, allo scopo di rifornire via mare la divisione "Garibaldi", usufruendo del porto dalmata di Ragusa, recentemente liberato.

Il trasporto via mare avrebbe notevoli vantaggi su quello aereo, soprattutto in considerazione della prossima stagione invernale che impedirebbe il regolare afflusso dei rifornimenti a mezzo aerei.

Allo scopo di concretare ora tale organizzazione, occorrono:

a)- un mezzo navale, per il quale lo Stato Maggiore R.Esercito - Ufficio trasporti - ha interessato in data odierna cotesta Missione; 1946

b)- due autocarri da inviare a Ragusa, dato che la divisione "Garibaldi" è sprovvista di automezzi.

Per quanto riguarda la lettera b), prego cotesta Missione voler

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- 2 autocarri da 3 tonnellate con dotazioni al completo,
- 2.000 Kg. di benzina,
- 100 Kg. di lubrificante
- 20 Kg. di grasso per motori.

Tale materiale verrebbe imbarcato sul primo mezzo navale in partenza per Ragusa, e consegnato a personale (autieri compresi) inviato in detta località dalla divisione "Garibaldi".

f.to Lec Colizzi

ISTITUTO POLIGRAFICO DELLO STATO

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Lo Stato Maggiore R.Esercito proporrà in seguito a cotesta Missione, l'ente dal quale prelevare altri 2 autocarri, destinati a ripianare la deficienza temporanea del 9° raggruppamento autieri.

Sono a conoscenza delle disposizioni di cotesta Missione, che nessun materiale dell'esercito italiano può essere trasferito fuori del territorio nazionale, ma prego voler esaminare benevolmente le presenti proposte, in considerazione della notevole facilitazione e regolarità con cui si attuerebbero i rifornimenti ai nostri combattenti in Balcania, e la ragguardevole economia di carburante e di materiale di volo che verrebbe conseguita, tenuto conto della scarsità dei mezzi aerei attualmente disponibili.-

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Gen.G.B.Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

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Subject: Seaborne supplies for the "GARIBALDI" Division.

Lt. Col. STAGNI, commanding the Base of the "GARIBALDI" Division, having heard through the H.Q. of the Division itself, of the opinion of the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation, has made contact with the Anglo-American Authorities in APULIA (F.O.L.I.-B.A.F.- "M" Military Mission) about supplies in the Balkans, so as to supply the ######## "GARIBALDI" Division by sea, making use of the Dalmatian port of RAGUSA, which has recently been liberated.

Seaborne transport would have noteworthy advantages on airborne, particularly when the impending winter season is considered, which will hamper the regular arrival of airborne supplies.

So as to put this scheme into practice, the following is needed:-

a)- A naval craft, for which the S.M.A.E.-Transport Office- has today written to you;

b)- Two lorries to be sent to RAGUSA, as the "GARIBALDI" Division is without M.T..

As far as para b) is concerned, would you please authorise the release of the following material, to be taken from the stuff available at the 9th Autieri Group:-

-2 3ton lorries, with gl098 complete,

-2000 Kilos of Petrol,

-100 Kilos of Lubricating Oil,

-20 Kilos of engine Grease.

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S.M.R.E. will then propose to you the body from which to draw 2 other lorries to make up the deficiency (temporary) of 9 Autieri Group.

I know of the instruction made by you that no material belonging to the Italian Army may be used outside the national terri tory, but would you please lend a benevolent ear to the present proposals, considering the noteworthy easing and regularity with which the supplying of our combatants in the Balkans could be carried out, and the remarkable economy of petrol and flying material which would ensue, when the scarcity of aerpplanes at the moment available is taken into consideration.

Signed 'OXILIA'

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SUBJECT: SARDINIA - Italian Army MT

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. AQ/5
Nov 44

TO : MMIA LO SARDINIA (4 copies)

Copy to: MINISTRY OF WAR
G
ST (2)
MMIA LO NAPLES

1. This letter records decisions taken at meeting at HQ MMIA on 8 Nov 44:-

Present: Col. KERR
Col. NOAKES
Col. SIMMONS
Lt. Col. PERCEVAL
Major PINKLEY
Major PAPINEAU

2. ITALIAN ARMY MT TO REMAIN PERMANENTLY IN SARDINIA

(a) The vehicle assignment proposals prepared by SMRE were examined. It was decided that vehicles would remain in SARDINIA as shown at Appx "A". Comando Sardegna and Divisione Calabria will be required to conform not later than 31 Dec 44.

(b) MMIA Windshield Certificates will be issued in due course. 1554

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It was decided that Military Ambulances will NOT be turned over outright to the civilian authorities.

MMIA LO SARDINIA is authorised to make local arrangements with Comando

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4. LOAD CARRYING VEHICLES FOR CIVIL AUTHORITIES

100 (one hundred) load-carrying Italian Military Vehicles judged by DAIME MMIA to be unsuitable for repairing for shipment to the mainland will be handed over against signature of the A.C. Regional Commissioner to the Civil Authorities. MMIA LO SARDINIA would report details to MMIA who will arrange for these vehicles to be transferred from War Ministry charge to charge of the appropriate Civil Italian Ministry.

Subsequent maintenance of these vehicles will be entirely the responsibility of the Civil Authorities and maintenance assistance from Military workshops is NOT authorised.

5. LOAD CARRYING VEHICLES FOR ITALIAN NAVY

Transfer would NOT take place.

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6. ITALIAN MILITARY MT WORKSHOPS ORGANISATION TO REMAIN IN SARDINIA

The Autofficina Leggere (15 all ranks) forming part of the authorised establishment of the Calabria Division will be brought into existence as soon as possible. DADME MMIA and Comando Sardegna are responsible for forming this unit and reporting full details to HQ MMIA. In addition 20 Italian Military MT Tradesmen and 10 Italian Military non-tradesmen are authorised to be retained on the island to be held against Category 1 of the Italian Army Order of Battle under the Motor Transport (Repairs Organisation) Sub-Category.

MMLA LO SARDINIA after consultation with DADME MMIA will submit recommendations as to how this authorised strength would be organised and located.

7. FORMATION AND TRANSFER TO MAINLAND OF 1 MOBILE PARK

Approval in principle was given to DADME's proposal to form 1 Mobile Park to personnel strength not exceeding 600 All Ranks to be held against Category 1 Sub-category Motor Transport (Repairs Organisation)

Further details of the proposal will be submitted to HQ MMIA as soon as possible.

8. UTILISATION ON MT REPAIRS PROGRAMME OF NON-MT ITALIAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND STORES

It is confirmed that MMLA LO SARDINIA has full discretionary power to authorise utilisation and transfer of non-MT material as may be expedient.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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UNITS	Staff cars	motorcycles 1 seat	motorcycles 2 seat	motorcycles with sidecar	motortricycles	vans	extra light trucks	light trucks	heavy trucks	water trucks	ambulances	buses	salvage trucks	Tractors	mobile wksps
C.M.S.	10	8	9	2	4	6	2	20	30 + 12*	2	8	2	1	4	-
CALABRIA INT. SEC. DIVISION	12	36	4	1	8	2	-	32	37 + 15*	-	2	-	-	-	1
CARABINIERI SECTION	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 + 1*	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	23	51	13	3	12	8	2	52	68	2	10	2	1	4	1

* Denotes trailers.

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9	2	4	6	2	20	30 + 12*	2	8	2	1	4	-
4	1	8	2	-	32	37 + 15*	-	2	-	-	-	1
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13	3	12	8	2	52	88 + 28*	2	10	2	1	4	1

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SUBJECT: Italian Vehicles

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/5
12 November 1944

TO: AFHQ for Q/AE

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Reference AFHQ/8035/2(AE) of 8 November 1944.

1. Salvage Vehicles

Instructions are being issued to the Italian Army to ensure that they

(a) inspect any vehicle immediately it is offered by the Salvage Depots.

(b) decide at once if it can be economically repaired for military use.

Any vehicle declared unfit for military repair will, it is assumed, be automatically alloted to A.C. by British Salvage.

2. Civilian Vehicles

Instructions have been issued to the War Ministry that genuine civilian vehicles will NOT be requisitioned without appropriate agreement with A.C. and MMIA. There are however a number of Italian Army vehicles stolen by and improperly in possession of civilians which will be recovered by the Italian Government as the opportunity occurs.

3. It is considered that MMIA Adm. Instruction No. 14 of 26 Oct. (copy No. 29 with AFHQ Q/AE) will provide adequate control of Italian Army transport and ensure that the relative civil and military interests are safeguarded.

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3. It is considered that MMIA Adm. Instruction No. 14 of 26 Oct. (copy No. 29 with AFHQ Q/AE) will provide adequate control of Italian Army transport and ensure that the relative civil and military interests are safeguarded. 12

F.J. Noakes

F.J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: AFHQ for G-5
AFHQ for G-4A
AFHQ for Q(AE)/8070/2/Q(AE)
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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
% A.C. SICILY REGION HQ.
APO 394

No 994 — 11 November 1944

SUBJECT: Vehicles - ITI Army Census.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (MMIA) Rome.

1. Received copy No 8 MMIA Ref S/AQ/5 dated 26 October 1944.

2. Request clarification re Administration Instructions No 14 on following:

a For this census does the ITI army include CC.RR?

b Will the census include ITI Army vehicles assigned to ITI Navy and ITI Air Force (I know of some in Sicily turned over to the ITI Navy).

c When is it desired that census be completed? To date have not received necessary forms (Appendix "A" etc).

d Ref Par 5 of Administration Instructions No 14, what will be the status of ITI Army vehicles that have previously been taken over by AMG and AC Region 1 in Sicily? Some of these have been converted into different typesof vehicles, many have been turned over to INT (Instituto Nazionale Transporti) a civilian concern who operate them for civil purposes, but still held under control of AC. The last instructions we have had on these vehicles were Par 1 a MMIA Ref AQ/5 dated 1 July 1944. You can readily see if ITI police have authority to impound any ITI Army vehicles discovered in operation without the MMIA windshield label will lead to considerable trouble unless this situation is clarified before. The transportation officer for AC Region 1 advised me that the ITI Army vehicles operated by I.N.T. have the following markings on the side of vehicle or windshield "ACC (with an assigned number) INT" and a permit and license granted by A.C. is carried on each vehicle.

Lester R. Albert

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Second copy abstracted by ST 16 Nov 44

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ST would draft reply D 24/11

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FROM: MAIA

TO : AFHQ 10 A

SD 1763 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION _____

Subject Italian Drivers (.) In addition to POLIGNANO driving school it is desired to take over Italian Driving School near BARI treating as extra MI-ITI unit (.) Total 300 students per course accn available (.) POL to be supplied from British sources as for POLIGNANO (.) Can you spare one ST Officer to supervise Italian Training Cadre and watch pet interests (.) Only few Italian vehs available (.) Would appreciate loan of up to 20 British vehs

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM: MMIA

TO : 51 BLU

REF NO: AQ 2175

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HASTEN REPLY MY AQ 2137 of 4 NOV - 207

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AUTHENTICATION F. T. Hamilton

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SUBJECT :- Italian Vehicles

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL.No. FREEDOM 518

AFHQ/8035/Q(AE)

8 Nov 44

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M.M.I.A.

1. SALVAGE VEHICLES - ITALIAN ARMY

(a) It is understood that there are a number of Italian vehicles already in Italian Vehicle Salvage Parks in Italy, e.g. at BARI, BRINDISI and TORRE ANNUNZIATA.

(b) It is thought that in many cases where an unfit vehicle cannot be made operationally fit by Italian Army Workshops, it might be repairable by Italian Civilian Transport Organisations for local use.

(c) It will be appreciated if some facilities mutually agreeable to yourself and ACC could be made available so that maximum use can be made in Italy of Italian vehicles which are at present, for one reason or another, standing idle.

2. REQUISITIONING OF CIVILIAN VEHICLES BY ITALIAN ARMY

(a) It is understood that the Italian Army have requisitioned Italian civilian load carrying vehicles in the past for use by the Italian Army. This has an adverse effect on the internal economy of Italy which it is the business of ACC to foster. It is requested, therefore, that you will look into this with a view to prohibiting further requisitioning of this type of transport by the Italian Army.

(b) It is suggested that the Italian vehicles at present in Sardinia which are being shipped over to Italy in the near future should go towards meeting vehicle deficiencies in Italian Army Units which would in the past have been met by such requisitioning.

J.J.SLOAN, Lieut.-Colonel,
for Major General, G-4(Br).

JJS/EHH

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G-4A
8070/2/Q(AE)

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. #464, U. S. Army

RCV/jad
7 November 1944

Subject: Italian Military Transport.

To : G-4 Exec., 5th Army,
A.P.O. #464, U.S.Army.

1. For your information.

2. Since July 7th 1944, an Italian Cerseti Detachment has been employed in 5th Army area, with 5th Army's approval, collecting Italian Army materiel.

3. Authority for the operation of this Cerseti is covered in Brig. Lush's ACC directive of 10 August 1944, Ref.360/11/CA

"1. This constitutes a full authority for the Italian Armed Forces to collect all vehicles and other war material originally held on charge by them.

"2. Attention is drawn to:

(a) AFHQ Circular 13 of 1 May 1944, which clearly states:
"Italian Material. All Italian Material belonging to arms and services of the Italian Ground Forces and in the possession of the Italians at the time of the armistice is considered as Italian material and, except as otherwise directed by this headquarters is reserved for the use of the Italian Army under the direction of the Army Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission."

(b) A.A.I. letter 2030/12/Q2 dated 1 July 1944 of which the following are extracts:

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"Cases have occurred (particularly in ROME and other newly occupied localities) where property, transport and materials belonging to the Italian Forces have been removed from them without proper authority and when the operational need for such action no longer existed."

"In future no buildings, real estate, transportation or other materials belonging to the Italian Armed Forces, or in the possession of effective units of the Italian Navy, Army or Air Force, will be occupied, requisitioned, seized or made use of without prior reference to this HQ."

"The Italian Commanders concerned have been authorised to place notices on their property indicating its ownership. These notices will be respected."

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"3. Every assistance should be given to the Italian Armed Forces in their efforts to maintain themselves by the salving and collecting into Depots of war material scattered throughout the country."

4. Lt.Col. Ripa di Meana, Italian officer in charge of this detachment , advised me on the 2nd of November 1944 that 60 Italian Army Military vehicles were located in Florence at the following addresses where private garages are located:

Via Lorenzo il Magnifico
Via Ponte Rosso
Viale Principe Umberto
Via della Querce
Via Vittorio Emanuele
Via S.Niccolo

Since an A.A.I. directive states that this detachment operates under my authority in this area, I instructed the Cerseti detachment to make collection and to put the vehicles in operation. Accompanied by Lt.Col. di Meana, I inspected 3 different garages where this transport is stored, the bodies for the trucks were in one place, motors in another and rubber hidden someplace else. The garage owners say they bought the trucks from the Germans and that they are theirs and didn't intend to give them up. A lot of truck bodies had AMG signs on them. I talked to the British officer in charge of vehicle registration in Florence, and he said not to pay any attention to these signs but to go ahead and collect the vehicles. He had, however, authorized some civilians to haul food in certain Italian Army trucks and asked that before Cerseti took possession of these trucks, that we list them and ask him to release the trucks to the Italian Army. This, I agreed to do. We were agreed that the first demands for such transport was for military use and not civilian. I caught one garage owner repainting some of these trucks, to try and disguise their identity, in fact, he was just painting out the "RE" as I walked up.

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5. On November 4, 1944, Col. di Meana acting under the authority outlined above, started to move the vehicles not then in use, to the Italian Ordnance shop for repairs. Immediately a Captain Sanders, AMG, of the Florence Command, acting under orders of Lt. Col. Rolph, AMG, same command, notified Col. di Meana to stop taking these vehicles and told him that if he didn't, he would call the MP's and have him arrested. Col. di Meana stopped immediately and notified me.

6. The question of whether the local civilian garage men are to be reimbursed by the Italian government for the money they allegedly paid the Germans for these 60 trucks, as I see it, is a matter for the Italians to determine subsequently, and is not now involved.

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7. In view of the Allied directives, the urgent requirements for transportation by all elements of the Italian Army operating with the Allied Forces and in view of possible dissipation of this transport by the civilians in whose possession this transport now is, it is urgently requested that necessary action be taken to permit Col. di Meana to proceed with his mission without further interference by Allied officers.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army.

cc: MMIA

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ALLIED COMMISSION - SOUTHERN REGION
TARANTO ZONE

7 Nov 44

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SUBJECT : M.T.Spares.

REF : T/ACC/17

TO : Allied Commission
Hq.,Rome,for M.M.I.A.

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Ref. your signal AQ2135 of 041455.
As requested the following is confirmation of signal sent in reply ;

"T/AC/GEN/142 RESTRICTED (.) ref your signal AQ215 (.) subject spares (.) FIAT 1100 requires one rear wheel outer bearing cup and cone (.) one rear axle shaft (.) one rear spring complete(.)one fuel pump valve plate (.) four spark plugs (.) FIAT 1500 requires one complete set piston rings and six spark plugs"

These parts are urgently needed to place on the road again two cars used by A.C.officers in this Zone.

WJS:mb

Zone Supply & Transport Officer
Taranto.

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MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA

Gabinetto

Prot. N° 203630 Allegati uno

Roma, P.M. 151, 7 novembre 944

Risposta al Fgl. del ____ N° ____ Div. ____ Sez. ____ Fasc. ____

OGGETTO: Officina della 210ª Divisione Fanteria.
W/ Diario Storico 210ª Div.

MMIA Sez. A-a
Fasc. 8 11

ALLA M.M.I.A. - ROMA

Trasmetto, per notizia, copia della lettera in data 19 ottobre della 3485th Ordance Company, con allegato rapporto sull'attività svolta dall'officina automobilistica della 210ª divisione italiana.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Generale G.B.OXILIA)

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3485th ORDNANCE COMPANY (Q).
A.P.O. 464 - U.S. ARMY

19 october 1944

Subject: Itanian Maintinace Platonn.-

TO: Commanding Officer, Workshopo Platoon, 210 Inf.Div.(Ital.)

1. - Attached is a summaryof the work preformed by your organization in preforming the maintenance of vehicles for the 210th Infantry Division Ital. This summary is a true copy taken from ordnance Operations Bulletin Number 322.

2. - Knowing the difficulties under which you have operating it gives this company the greatest of pleasure to sue that your fine work is now officially recgnized.

For the COMMANDING OFFICER

HARVEY B. ALKIRE
1st Lt. ord. Dept
Shop Officer

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Estratto del Bollettino operativo dell'Ottobre 1944 dell'Ordnance 5^ Armata

6. GENERAL

a.210th INFANTRY DIVISION 'Italian) WIRKSHOP PLATOON:

Following is a summary of the operations of an Italian Army Maintenance installation attached to Fifth Army Ordnance Service:

After the surrender of Italy several units of the Italian Army were placed at the disposal of Fifth Army. One of these, the Italian Workshop Platoon of the 210th Infantry Division, was assigned to the Ordnance Service 15 august 1944. Consistig of 1 Officer and 30 EM, comparable to a section of a U.S. Infantry Division Light Maintenance Co., it was attached to the 3485th Ordnance MM Co. for operation.

MISSION:

Its mission is the maintenance of all GP vehicles in the Italian Infantry Division, which now has two regiments in combat, and the reaminder attached directly to Fifth Army HQ. Supply and Maintenance for the small number of American vehicles assigned the Division is handler by the 3485th Ordnance MM Co., which al so provides certain tools and equipment to the Italian Platoon.-

OPERATION:

3rd and 4th Echelon support for Italian vehicles in provided by the Italian heavy workshops in Rome. This, as well as the work of the platoon, is limited by the supply of parts. At present the only source is cannibalization, but a paln is biang developed for securing parts from the Fiat plant in Florance. There is no provision for replacement of Italian vehicles. Evacuated vehicles do not lose their indentity and are returned to the Platoon for delivery to the using arm.

Some 1st and 2nd Echelon maintenance of American vehicles is handled by the Platoon, and parts are supplied thrugh normal channels. In conjuction with the 3485th Ordnance MM Co., a close check on 1st and 2nd Echelon Maintenance within the Division is maintained.

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GENERAL:

The work of the platoon is a good example of just how much can be accomplised with so little. They not only are carryng out the assignment of supporting the Division, but have also relieved the 3485th Ordnance MM Campany (Q) of the additional burden of supporting and supplying the Italian Division. The skill of the Italian mechanics, in so far as the vehicles Ordnance MM Company (Q) has familiarized them with the repair of American vehicles to such an extent that it is now possible for them to repair a portion of the American vehicles now being used by the Italian Division.

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The living conditions of the Platoon, in so far as possible, is on an equal basis with our maintenance companies. Sufficient tentage has been made available to provide quarters for the men and the regular authorizes rations are drawn and prepared by the Platoon. The fine cooperation of the Workshop Platoon ha been a very definits aid to the war effort.

"Whenerver a member of the Ordnance Departement, regardless of rank, encounters "Red Tap" in conducting our busines; Throw the "Red Tap" to hell out of the window. Accept that, please, as a definite General Order."

Major General Levin H.Campbell, Jr.
Chief of Ordnance
(From Feb.1944 "The Ordnance Sergeant)

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Urban Niblo
Colonel Ord.Dept.
Ordnance Officer.-

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Vehicles.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
(A.C.) M. M. I. A.
R O M E
AQ/5
6 November 1944.

HQ LAZIO Region AC.

1. The Italian Ministry of War have reported that three Italian Army vehicles, shown at Appx. "A" att, which had been recovered and repaired by the Italian Army detachment "CERSETI", have been removed from RIETI to ANCONA, on instructions from AMG, RIETI.

2. This is contrary to all instructions on the subject of Italian Army material, issued by AFHQ, and repeated to Regional Commissioners by HQ.AC (RC and MG letter 360 11/CA dated 10 August 1944 refers).

3. It is requested therefore, that the vehicles be returned immediately to the Italian Army, through HQ 209 Italian Div at OSIMO.

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F.J. HOARE, Lt. Col.
for Major General.
MMIA.

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Copy to:
MMIA LO at HQ No. 1 District (report when vehicles are handed over).
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X. NO knowledge - probably
handed to Brind

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Appendix "A"
to MMIA letter dated

ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES

Serial	Type	Veh. Number	Engine Number	Chassis Number
1.	Fiat 626	NE 105465	326.012869	626.007552
2.	Fiat 626	NE 5467	013079	007.661
3.	Spa 38	NE 5469	021478	017104

SUBJECT: Training of Drivers.

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Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/6/9
5 Nov 44

Ministry of War.

1. In confirmation of discussion between General Aliberti and Lt Col Perceval it is agreed that a Driving School may be established at the Annexe, 8th Autieri Workshops, Via Guido Reni, Rome, as soon as is practicable.

2. The permanent staff establishment of officers, personnel and transport for this school will be as follows:-

(i) Personnel.

Commandant	Major or Captain	1
Administration Officer	Lieutenant	1
Student Platoon Officers	Lieutenants	4
	Total Officers	6
	C.S.M. (Maresciallo)	1
	C.Q.M.S. (Furiere)	1
	Serjeant Instructors	5
	Total W/Os and Sjts	7

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for this school will be as follows:-

(i) Personnel.

Commandant	Major or Captain	1
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C.Q.M.S. (Furiere)	1
Serjeant Instructors	5
Total W/Os and Sjts	7
Driver Instructors	20
Privates for duty as:-	
Cooks	4 (1 for Officers Mess)
Batmen	3
Clerks	2
Regimental Police	2
Mechanics	2
General Dutymen	6
Total rank and file	39
Total all ranks	52

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(ii) Transport.

Trucks for Instructional purposes	20	
20% reserve	4	
	24	
Cars 2 or 4 str	1	For Commandant
Motorcycles	2	For Platoon Officers

3. Personnel required for the permanent staff will be provided from within the established ceiling for administrative troops of 27,000 personnel and/or the established administrative reinforcements numbering 3,700 personnel, authorized in this HQ letter reference S/AQ/5 of 12 Oct 44. No increase in the ceiling of administrative troops and their reinforcements is permitted.

4. The issue of trg vehs will be arranged departmentally.

5. Subject to the conditions contained in para 3 the school will be recognised as an Italian Army unit entitled to receive rations provided from Allied sources in accordance with established scales.

6. The school will accept up to a maximum of 120 students each month. 30 students will be assigned to each of four (4) student platoons, each platoon to be under the command of a student platoon officer, as provided for in the establishment of the school. Each platoon will be treated as a complete sub unit of the school and will be accommodated and messed as such.

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7. Courses in driving instruction and vehicle maintenance will be of 30 days duration, allowing 1 day for assembly and settling in, 28 working days and 1 day for dispersal.

Students who fail to qualify in the passing out tests at the end of courses will, unless unlikely ever to become drivers, be retained at the school for a further course. Intake to the school of new students being reduced accordingly so as not to exceed the 120 maximum.

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8. Students will be found from existing Italian Army units falling within Categories 1, 4, and 5. See this HQ letter S/AQ/5 of 12 Oct 44. In addition, Italian Army personnel presently employed in labour units under Allied command and/or control, who possess or have possessed motor vehicle licenses. Such personnel may be exchanged, man for man, with non-specialists, in accordance with this HQ letter SD/19 of 25 Sep 44.

9. The appointed Commandant of the school will establish an officers mess in the Driving School, in which all officers of the permanent staff of the school will live.

10. In agreement with General Aliberti and to assist in promoting espirit de corps in permanent staff and students, the school will be named the CIARPAGLINI Driving School and the four student platoons will be named

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GASTANI (No 1) BOLTAR (No 3)

RAFI (No 2) PUCCINI (No 4) respectively.

11. You are requested to nominate to this HQ as early as possible the name of the selected Commandant and to instruct him to visit this HQ in person to discuss and arrange details of the training syllabus.

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Major General
M.M.I.A.

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PRIORITY IMPORTANT

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FROM ZSO AC TARANTO ZONE 051040A
TO MIA AC HQ ROME
QQX GR47 ET 208

T/AC/GEN/142 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF YOUR SIGNAL
AQ2135 (.) SUBJECT SPARES (.) FIAT 1100
REQUIRES ONE REAR WHEEL OUTER BEARING CUP
AND CONE (.) ONE REAR AXLE SHAFT (.) ONE REAR
SPRINGVCOMPLETE (.) ONE FUEL PUMP VALVE PLATE (.)
FOUR SPARK PLUGS (.) FIAT 1500 REQUIRES ONE
COMPLETE SET PISTON RINGS AND SIX SPARK PLUGS
ET 1130A

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME
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From: MMIA

To: ALLIED COMMISSION TARANTO

AQ 2135 RESTRICTED

SIGNAL THIS HQ REQUIREMENTS FOR SPARES FROM MESAGNE (.)
WILL THEN APPLY TO ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY TO AUTHORISE ISSUE (.)
SEND LETTER CONFIRMING

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME 04 1610 A

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From: MMIA

To: 50 BLU 51 BLU

Rpt: MINISTRY OF WAR - ~~xxx~~ - PBS for MMIA LO

AQ 2137 RESTRICTED

IT HAS BECOME ESSENTIAL TO REPLACE AMERICAN VEHICLES USED ON MOVING FOOD FROM WAREHOUSES TO PACK TRAIN (.) REQUEST YOU ARRANGE ALL RPT ALL ITI TPT IN FRUILI AND CREMONA IS MOVED NAPLES REPORTING TO MMIA LO (.) ADVISE FULL DETAILS TO MMIA LO NAPLES RPTD MMIA ROME

Internal Dist:
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PRECEDENCE — See folio 210 & 215

AUTHENTICATED F T Manly Lt A.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 206

Call: WKSPS REME | Srl. No. 020332

Transmission Instructions: OIR/1 TLR KB H5/3

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

Originator | Date-Time of Origin: 02 A | Office Date Stamp

FROM (X) Q 56 Area — For Action

TO M.M.I.A. — (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions | GR

C.L.O. WKSPS REME

Originator's No. Q 506/6

PLEASE ARRANGE WITH O.C. C.L.O. WKSPS REME TO COLLECT ITALIAN MILITARY VEHICLES AND SALVAGED SPARES (.) THIS DOES NOT INVOLVE REQUISITIONED VEHICLES.

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5/11/45

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

Signed Dhoc Lack Capt.

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

Signed

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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NOTES ON VISIT TO SARDINIA 27 - 29 OCT 44
BY DADT MMIA, HQ AND GENERAL ALIMENTI.

Distribution:-

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GI(SD).
File SE/1001

ADST (to await return)
MMIA LO, Sardinia
DADME, MMIA, c/o LO, Sardinia.

1. Contacts.

Contacts were made with MMIA LO, Cagliari - Comando Sardegna Cagliari - Allied Commission HQ. Sardegna - DADME MMIA - various officers of Direzione Motorizzazione Sardegna - Italian Admiral commanding Italian Naval Station at Maddalena. Main subjects handled and conclusions as follows.

2. Vehicles on hand at End October.

The position at the end of October (based on various figures furnished by Comando Sardegna and cross-checked with DADME) can be summarised as follows:-

(a) In Poetto Park (the vehicle park at Cagliari primarily intended for vehicles awaiting shipment) approx 900 Efficient Vehicles (of which approx 150 motorcycles)

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(a) because the pile-up of vehicles awaiting shipment would become unmanageable

(b) because DAIME and his repairs organisation and personnel would be held back on the island too long (compared with the urgent work awaiting them on the mainland without an associated shipping problem)

(c) because the prospective life of vehicles repaired would constantly lessen as the bottom of the barrel is approached.

4. Prospective Approximate Total Availability.

From paras 2 and 3 the following global figures result:-

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4. (cont'd)

	Efficient Vehicles
In Poetto Park at end-October	900
Prospective additional repairs production up to shipment standard (estimated)	600
Efficient Vehicles in possession of Units at end-October	1100
Total	2600
Approximate balance of vehicles to be repaired for local use or demolished or classified as not worth repair	2400.

5. Disposal of Available Efficient Vehicles.

The above global figures do not tell the whole story as various processes of vehicletransfer are scheduled to take place in the near future.

Exactly how these processes will work out will depend on local administration, and in certain respects on decisions now to be taken as a result of this report. The following elements can be distinguished:-

(a) Sardinia Italian Garrison 'Permanent' Vehicles.

Proposals have been tabled (copy in my possession) for the strength of Efficient Vehicles to be permanently retained by the Italian Garrison in Sardinia. These proposals provide for 183 vehicles (to include 20 Ambulances) for Comando Militare Sardegna and its various [illegible], plus 157 vehicles for Divisione Calabria i.e. 340 vehicles in all. (The 183 vehicles assigned to Comando Sardegna are scheduled to be operated by 179 military all ranks plus 15 civilians). The vehicles establishments constituting these proposals were examined in detail on our visit in conjunction with MMA LO and judged reasonable with certain small adjustments. Comando Sardegna is proceeding to allocate Efficient Vehicles by Targa Nos against these establishments, and will furnish to MMA LO Sardinia not later than 15 Nov 44 lists by Targa Nos of the vehicles so allocated and the names of the respective units. A distinctive vehicle marking for Comando Sardegna and for Divisione Calabria has also been asked for, to be painted on "Sardinia permanent vehicles" only.

On paper the reported present vehicle holdings (Efficient Vehicles) of Comando Sardegna and its service branches show appreciable surpluses over these new establishments, and any Efficient Vehicles becoming available as a result will be accepted directly into Poetto Park (provided they pass the entry check-up)

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1 (b) Efficient Vehicles To Be Retained By Formed Units Transferring To The Mainland.

The constituent units of 20j Div, at present hold approximately 280 vehicles (Italian Military) and which are scheduled to follow them in due course to their new destination. As far as I can trace there are no other substantial transfers outstanding in this category. It is therefore safe to assume that in total not more than 300 Vehicles remain to be accounted for by transfers to mainland of this type.

(c) Load Carrier Requirements Of Italian Navy In Sardinia.

On the returning cruiser one of the passengers was the Italian Admiral Commanding Maddalena. He stated he was proceeding to Rome to discuss with his Ministry inter alia his essential vehicle requirements, and to submit a request (which he stated was supported by British NOIC Maddalena) for an allocation of a small number of load carriers (he spoke of perhaps 10) to be allocated from the military pool. I informed the Admiral that he should arrange for the request to be transmitted by Navy Sub-Commission to this HQ where I would submit it for staff decision

(a) Load Carrier Requirements Of Italian Civil Power In Sardinia.

Immediately on arrival in Sardinia I was invited by Col. Simons to be present at a meeting between himself, the A.C. (Regional Commissioner (Col. PIETYCUROK) and the Italian Government High Commissioner (Air Force General PIRRA). It appears that until now Comando Sardegna has admitted a programme by which they make available to the civil authorities each day a military detail of 60 load-carriers for various essential civil purposes (in practice the actual number available from day to day has fallen below the programme figure of 60). As a result of their vehicle reorganisation now in hand, Comando Sardegna warned the civil authorities that this detail would have to cease w.e.f. 1 Nov 44. The meeting I attended was convened to deal with the resultant problem. As a result of the discussions at this meeting and subsequently, it appears that the Sardinia civil authorities wish to secure an allocation from the military pool (legal basis of transfer to be decided) of up to 100 load-carriers defined as 2 tons capacity or more (it is estimated that it is reasonable to expect a daily average of 60 vehicles available for work out of an eventual allocation of 100). Col. Simons will bring with him final proposals in this connection on his next visit. The important thing to emphasise at this stage is that any figure of vehicles it may be decided to allocate to the civil authorities will in practice, in present circumstances not come out of a clearly defined non-shipment category (as implied in AG/5 of 13 Oct 44) unless a very specific instruction to this effect is issued. In view of the pile-up on vehicles awaiting shipment and the local desire to give the best deal possible to the regional authorities, any figure of vehicles agreed upon for transfer to the civilian side will be likely to be executed in the form of fair average vehicles rather than specifically sub-standard machines. If it is the

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policy that no vehicles conceivably fit for shipment are to be handed over to the civilian authorities, this needs emphasising.

6. Estimate Of Nett Final Total Vehicles Available For Shipment on Pool Basis.

Combining the estimates contained in paras 4 and 5, the following results:-

	Efficient Vehicles
Total of Vehicles in Poetto Park at end October Plus Estimated Future Repairs Production Plus Efficient Vehicles In Possession Of Units At End October (c.f. para 4)	2600
For Retention as "Sardinia Permanent Vehicles" say	350
For Transfer To Mainland Withdrawals say	300
For Eventual Allocation To Italian Navy in Sardinia say	10
For Eventual Allocation To Civil Authorities in Sardinia say	100
Total For Specific Disposal	760
Nett Balance for Shipment On Pool Basis Nov 44 Onwards	1840 1825

Any vehicles to be used by DADRE for eventual transfer of his workshops organisation see para 7 following require to be deducted from foregoing nett figure of pool vehicles for shipment. Losses by accident and/or deterioration between now and the finishing date of the shipping programme also require to be deducted. Probable total shipment figure on pool basis between Nov 44 and say February 45 therefore between 1500 and 1800 vehicles of all types.

7. Italian Army MT Workshops Organisation In Sardinia and On The Mainland.

This group of questions was fully reviewed between DADRE and General Aliberti, and it was apparent that the discussion of future developments in this field was timely. It was provisionally agreed (subject to staff endorsement by MAIA HQ) -

(a) that a skeleton workshops organisation will be left behind in Sardinia, estimated at 25 all ranks at Abbasanta and the same number at Ogliari, to service the Italian Army "Sardinia Permanent Vehicles". The 50 Rations represented by this organisation will come out of General Aliberti's total Rations allocation. 30

(b) That DADRE will continue with plans already formulated to transform the greater part of his Abbasarta personnel and equipment into a Mobile

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7(b) cont'd

Heavy Repair Workshops (to be know as 1 Mobile Park = 1 Parco Mobile) for transfer to the mainland on completion of his programme in Sardinia. This unit will be established at 600 all ranks and the Rations will come out of General Alberti's total Rations allocation

(c) That the first operating location of 1 Mobile Park will be at Naples to deal with the agglomerations of repairable vehicles at Agnano - Torre Annunziata - S. Maria di Capua - vehicles released by CIL.

(d) That the 10 Light Mobile Workshops (Autoffiçine Leggere) figuring on Priority List 7 at disposal S.M.R.E. should be approved for absorption into 1 Mobile Park by which their vehicles will be brought over. The present position is that the personnel and vehicles of these units has already been absorbed by the Abbasabta Workshops and the present recommendation is simply enforcement of this fait accompli.

(e) That as soon as 1 Mobile Park is established at Naples, DADRE will turn his attention to converting Mesagne Workshops into 2 Mobile Park (to be a rather smaller unit than 1 Mobile Park) but of the same character). This means that the Terni project will be dropped and the Mesagne Workshops will remain at work in its present location (there is plenty of work there) until DADRE is ready to convert it

(f) That the Cased Spares made ready for shipment in Sardinia addressed to Mesagne Workshops will be re-stencilled to consign them to 3 Centro Reparazione ROMA instead, and MMLA Naples and Italian Military Naples will be informed accordingly as and when they are shipped.

8. Italian Military Material and Stores in Sardinia Not Controlled by Direzione Automobilistica. * 1824

DADRE strongly urged that he be given officially in writing 'carte blanche' to make reasonable use under his programme of 'non-Automobilistic' material e.g. Artillery Vehicles, Armoured Cars and their equipment, Engineers and Signals stores etc. He also wished to draw the attention of SORE and SORS to the substantial volume of stores of these types held in the island and suggested they should furnish him with an indication of [redacted] items of which they are particularly short.
The question of 'carte blanche' was raised later with MMLA LO, Sardinia, who stated he possesses full discretionary powers as to the disposal of such material and recommended that the subject be left to be worked out locally.

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9. Direzione Automobilistica Officer Personnel.

The question of the replacement of C.O. Abbesante Workshops and two other officers was raised between DAEME and General Aliberti. The matter was left that no action would be taken to enforce the withdrawal of any of these officers until MMLA LO, Sardinia and DAEME were fully satisfied as to the adequacy of their reliefs.

10. General Discussion.

The opportunity was taken to clarify with DAEME and General Aliberti several matters concerning the present organisation and control of Italian Army M.T. connected with the general survey and recommendations which I shall submit shortly.

11. Tyres and Tubes.

A stock of upwards of 500 Tyres (new) of various sizes is held at Abbesante. Release is at discretion of DAEME, and in view of communication delays it was agreed to leave this arrangement unchanged although list of sizes at present available has been brough back.

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The process of recovery and central storage of usable Tyres and Tubes from Inefficient Vehicles of lower categories once again was a long way short of 100%. It is my considered view that emphasis on the extremity of the Tyres crisis by War Ministry personages should for the present be countered by reminding them that only when their organisation has completely scraped the plate on tyres recovery will it be time to cry "wolf". At present there is still a good deal of slack to be taken up, and-equally important - there are also indications of a lack of reliable figures and watertight control in the War Ministry sections concerned. On this I shall be reporting more fully in the general review.

12. Staff Action Required Arising Out Of Sardinia Journey.

The Staff is requested:-

(a) to take note of present policy of DAIME not to spend too long in Sardinia scraping the barrel

(b) to take note that on the basis of (a) and including Efficient Vehicles to be turned in surplus to new establishments, it is estimated between 1500 and 1800 vehicles All Types will become available for shipment w.e.f. 1 Nov 44 to the finish of the programme (900 vehicles awaiting shipment at present)

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(c) to take note of the present position reference the proposal to assist the civil authorities

(d) to re-emphasise and inform MMA IC Sardinia the grade of vehicles to be made available to the civil authorities

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(e) to consider and comment on General Aliberti's proposal that any such vehicles should be sold outright to the civil authorities (the General takes the view that it is undesirable to retain on War Ministry charge vehicles which will not be driven or maintained under War Ministry administration)

(f) to consider and comment on DAMG's contrary view that any vehicles to be made available to the civil authorities should be serviced as far as possible by the military workshops' nuclei to be left at Abbasanti and Cagliari

(g) to take note of the request for vehicles for the Italian Navy

(h) to consider and comment on the proposals re Italian Army MT Workshops Organisation

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(k) to consider and comment on the question of 'carte blanche' for DADME on non - MT Stores

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THREE (.) THIS HQ CABLE FX45663 OF 29 OCT HEREBY CANCELLED

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Subject: Removal of Materiel from Italian Army Motor Park.

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
AG/5
November 1944

To : Hq, ACC

Copy to: AFHQ, G-4 Section for Lt. Col Libby.

1. Inviting attention to copy of translation of letter from the Minister for War which has reference to the removal by Major Charles Phelps of the Displaced Persons Sub Commission, of 17 wheels from the Italian Army motor park at Messagne.

2. In accordance with the instructions published by AFHQ, all Italian Army property was reserved for use of the Italian Army except in those cases where use of the property is given to Allied agencies. A poster has been placed on all Italian Army depots advising Allied personnel that entry into such depots for removal of materiel therefrom without authorization is not permitted. Authorizations are issued by MMIA on AFHQ authority.

3. No authority had been issued for the removal of this materiel by Major Phelps, and the Italian officer who finally acceded to Major Phelps arbitrary demands has been punished by eight-days arrest.

4. It is requested that the 17 wheels removed by Major Phelps be returned by him to the Italian Army park at Messagne and that all officers be informed that Italian Army property is reserved for the use of the Italian Army unless otherwise directed by AFHQ. 1820

5. Please advise when the 17 wheels have been returned in order that the Italian Army stock states may be corrected.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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1 Incl:
Translation of Ministry of War
letter to MMIA dated 26 Oct 44.

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Copy of Translation

MINISTER FOR WAR

Ref. 21015/22

26 October 1944

TO: MMIA

SUBJECT: Drawing of Automobile material at Vehicle Park at Mesagne.

The director of the vehicle park at Mesagne has informed us that on the 10 October an American Army officer, identifying himself as Major Charles Phelps of A.C.C. at the vehicle park, requested the immediate issue of 17 wheels of various sizes, to be placed on Italian-made vehicles operating for Allied units.

Since the officer had no authorization whatsoever for the withdrawal, the park personnel stated that the request could not be honored except upon presentation of a written document from MMIA, conforming with past directives, regarding material in Italian warehouses and depots.

As the officer, who was shown, furthermore, the bilingual pamphlet concerning entry of Allied personnel into Italian Army depots, kept on insisting on the issue of the material, drawing up an issuing order himself, the park director finally filled the request for reasons of convenience.

While this Ministry has taken disciplinary steps against the park director (eight-days' arrest), according to regulations agreed upon with MMIA for the discipline of Italian depots, we believe it to be our duty to inform you of the regrettable affair so that the above regulations are also observed by the Allied officers.

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The material issued consisted of the following:

5 wheels for Fiat 1100
5 wheels for Fiat 1500
5 wheels for Lancia "Augusta"
2 wheels for Lancia "Aprilia"

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
(G. B. Oxilia)

/s/ G. Oxilia

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Subject:- Reciprocal Assistance On Italian Military and Civil Road Transport.

URGENT.

1. Proposals are under consideration to make a substantial allocation of Italian Army road transport on a quasi-permanent basis to the civil authorities in Sardinia (via AC), and possibly also for the Italian Army maintenance organisation eventually remaining on the island to provide certain assistance to the civil authorities.

2. Outline of the proposals as far as they have been carried at present is in my possession, and details will be tabled by Col. Simmons on his next visit shortly.

3. The purpose of the present minute is to submit the view that an eventual agreement along these lines for the Italian Military to give substantial assistance to the civil authorities in Sardinia should be made the occasion for bargaining for reciprocal assistance by the civilian side on the mainland particularly in the following respects:- 1817

(a) concession of part of the facilities of the Pirelli tyre-reconditioning plant Via Assisi, Rome (reported to be not fully occupied) for use by Italian military

(b) cooperation on blocked spare parts for road vehicles of Italian manufacture

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4. One method of developing such reciprocal assistance might be the creation of a small Road Transport Standing Committee representing both civilian and military agencies to meet say fortnightly.

5. The important thing from MMIA side is to ensure that we extract full value from the bargaining power represented by the Sardinia proposals rather than simply for the vehicles to be allocated without securing any comparable quid pro quo.

6. Will addressees please indicate:-

(a) views on this proposal

(b) if endorsed whether the proposal could be taken up on principal staff officer level in the first instance?

1 Nov 44.

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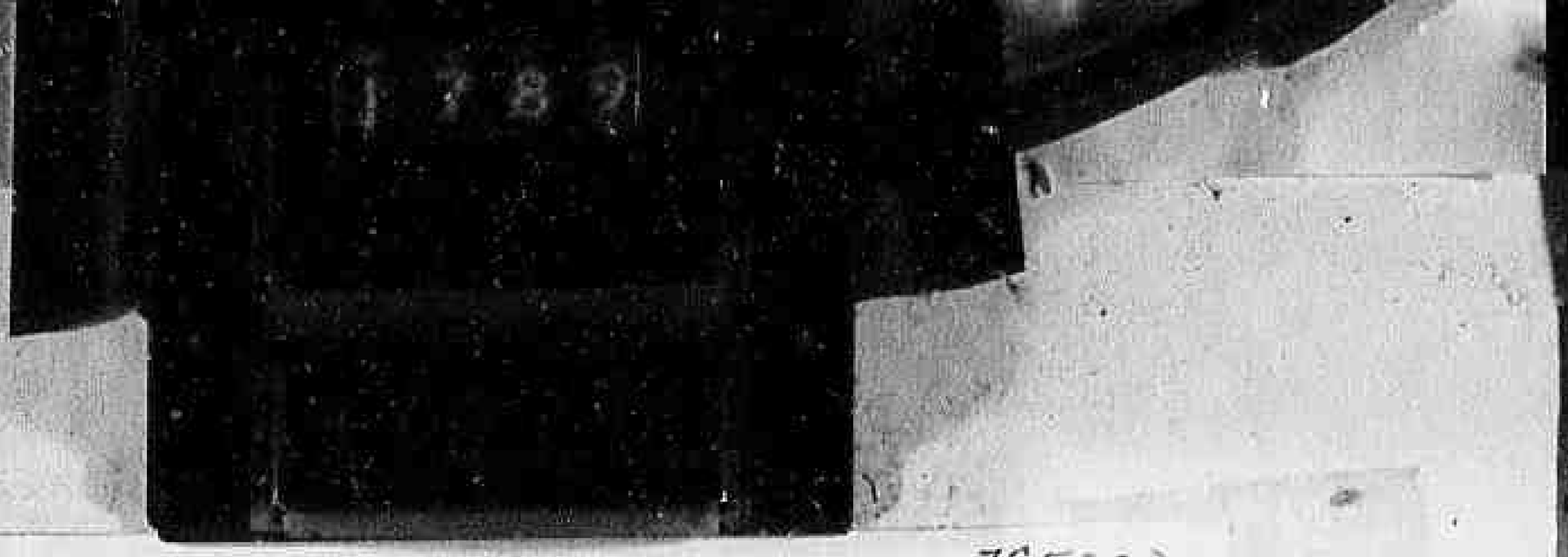

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OAPIS 198

Subject:- Italian Army Transport - Maintenance.

ST/31/T

28 Oct 44.

Military Mission Italian Army.
ROME.
tel: Roma 469081 EXT 526.

To: MMIA LO. 67 Garrison.

Copy: A/O MMIA.

1. In reply to your letter dated 11 Oct 44, Subject - Italian Military - Transport.

2. The policy with regard to British transport issued by British Units to Italian Units under command, clearly lays down that such transport remains on charge to the British Unit issuing, and the officer responsible for the maintenance of such transport is the British Commanding Offr.

3. While your difficulties are appreciated, in view of the foregoing, the proposals put forward in your letter under reply cannot be effected through MMIA channels.

(O.C. PALLEAU).
Major RASC.
for Lt. Col.
ADJT, MMIA.

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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER
L'ESERCITO DELLA COMMISSIONE
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Divisione 2ª Sez. 2ª
Prot. N. 21015 122 Allegati

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. Sez. N.°

OGGETTO :- prelevamento materiale auto presso Parco Automobilistico di Mesagne.-

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Il Direttore del Parco Automobilistico di Mesagne ha segnalato che il giorno 10 ottobre un ufficiale dell'Armata Americana, qualificatosi per il Maggiore Charles Phelps addetto all'A.C.C., presentatosi alla sede dello stabilimento in Mesagne, ha richiesto la consegna immediata di n° 17 dischi per ruote di varie misure, da applicare su automezzi di produzione italiana in esercizio presso Enti Alleati.-

Dato che l'ufficiale era sprovvisto di qualsiasi autorizzazione per effettuare il prelevamento, il personale del Parco ha rappresentato di non poter aderire alla richiesta, se non dietro esibizione di una documentazione scritta rilasciata da codesta Sottocommissione, in conformità delle disposizioni a suo tempo impartite per il materiale giacente presso i magazzini e depositi italiani.- 1812

Poichè l'ufficiale, al quale, peraltro, era stato fatto prendere visione dell'apposito manifesto bilingue circa le modalità d'ingresso del personale alleato nei magazzini dell'Esercito Italiano, ha ripetutamente insistito per ottenere la concessione del materiale, compilando egli stesso un ordine di cessione, la Direzione del Parco, per ragioni di opportunità, ha finito per aderire alla richiesta

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Il Direttore del Parco Automobilistico di Mesagne ha segnalato che il giorno 10 ottobre un ufficiale dell'Armata Americana, qualificatosi per il Maggiore Charles Phelps addetto all'A.C.C., presentatosi alla sede dello stabilimento in Mesagne, ha richiesto la consegna immediata di n° 17 dischi per ruote di varie misure, da applicare su automezzi di produzione italiana in esercizio presso Enti Alleati.-

Dato che l'ufficiale era sprovvisto di qualsiasi autorizzazione per effettuare il prelevamento, il personale del Parco ha rappresentato di non poter aderire alla richiesta, se non dietro esibizione di una documentazione scritta rilasciata da codesta Sottocommissione, in conformità delle disposizioni a suo tempo impartite per il materiale giacente presso i magazzini e depositi italiani.-

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Mentre, in relazione alle norme concordate con codesta Sottocommissione in merito alla disciplina dei magazzini italiani, questo Ministero ha preso provvedimento disciplinare a carico del Direttore del Parco, ritiene doveroso rappresentare l'inconveniente affinchè le norme predette siano effettivamente osservate anche da parte degli ufficiali alleati.-

(1) 8 giorni di arresto -

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Si riporta qui di seguito la distinta del materiale consegnato :-

- n° 5 dischi per autovettura Fiat 1100
- " 5 id. id. Fiat 1500
- " 5 id. id. Lancia Augusta
- " 2 id. id. Lancia Aprilia.-

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
(G.B.Cxilia)

G. Oxilia

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale della Motorizzazione
2ª Divisione - 4ª Sezione

Roma, li 26 OTT. 1945 19

Prot. N. 21552

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO dell'A.C.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R O M A

Risposta al foglio del 22 agosto c.a.
Div. Sez. N. AQ/5

OGGETTO: Recupero autocarro Lancia 3 RO presso il Municipio di Eboli.- AQ

Recupero Lancia 3 RO targato [illegible] presso il Municipio di Eboli

Il Comando Militare della Campania, nel mese di agosto u.s., ha segnalato che presso il Municipio di Eboli esisteva un autocarro Lancia 3 RO di provenienza del R.Esercito, lasciatogli dall'A.M.G..

Questa Direzione Generale in data 17 agosto si è rivolta a codesta Sottocommissione per ottenere la restituzione dell'automezzo.

Codesta Sottocommissione Alleata ha aderito alla richiesta ed ha ordinato il recupero dello autocarro per non oltre il 22 settembre.

Il 10° Raggruppamento Autieri, incaricato del recupero, non ha potuto effettuarlo perchè l'autocarro è stato trovato non il motore smontato, mancante degli organi accessori e le gomme sostituite con altre fuori uso.

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L'intervento dell'ufficiale incaricato del ritiro e quello dei CC.RR. del luogo, per ottenere che l'automezzo venisse rimesso nelle condizioni di efficienza precedentemente riscontrate, non otteneva alcun risultato.

Si segnala la cosa perchè voglia, se del caso, interessare le competenti autorità.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(A. Aliberti)
(Col. C. Britannico)

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SECRET

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
C.M.F.

26 October 1944.

My Dear Browning,

In reply to your letter which I have just received on my return here tonight, I am most sympathetic about your demands for sea transport from Sardinia to the Mainland.

But, at the moment, there are two priorities which come before yours; the first being the trans-shipment of American Air Force vehicles from Sardinia to the Mainland and second, the shipment of M.T. from North Africa to Italy.

In addition to that, we have suddenly had this large commitment of fighting troops from Italy to Greece and from Egypt to Greece. This commitment is in addition to what we had already catered for.

I am however, endeavouring to arrange that you will get a token lift in ships carrying Sardinian coal (not a very inspiring offer, I am afraid). Asfaras can be foreseen at present, the regular shipment of your Italian M.T. from Sardinia to the Mainland should commence to take place at the beginning of December.

You will see that I am somewhat of a Job's comforter. But I can assure your wants will not be forgotten but, as usual, there is not enough straw with which to make the bricks.

Yours ever
Clark.

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Major-General L. Browning, CB, OBE, MC.,
Army Sub-Commission A.C.C.
HQ M.M.I.A.,
C.M.F.

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AP/5

Subject:- Assignment of Motor Transport

SZ/24/29/T

27 Oct 44.

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
Tel: Rome 689081 EXT 526.

To: Ministry of War.

1. You will please assign to the Repair Branch (Clothing) of the Ministry of War the following vehicles, required at the places named:-

To Repair Branch Bari	4 - 3 Ton vehicles or equivalent pay load capacity.	
To Repair Branch Naples	6 - 3 Ton vehicles	" " "
To Repair Branch Rome	2 - 2 Ton vehicles	" " "

2. The above vehicles will be permanently assigned to the Repair Branch and will be operated under the sole control of the Repair Branch. They will NOT be diverted to other uses by Regional HQs, Presidii, Regional Conscriptiate, etc.

3. Vehicles selected will be in good roadworthy condition and you are requested to advise this HQ the Targa numbers concerned.

4. In view of the importance attaching to the repair of clothing, etc, the assignments directed herein will be effected at once and you are requested to advise completion to this HQ.

B.L. Pringle
Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Military Mission Italian Army.

BLP/JTD

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Copy to:- A/Q MMIA.
Lt. Col. Shipley, MMIA.
MMIA LO, Bari.
MMIA LO, Naples.

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Subject:- Withdrawal of Italian Army Vehicles in Possession of Gruppi di Combattimento.

A 0/5

ST/30/T

26 Oct 44.

Military Mission Italian Army, ROME.
tel: Rome 489081 EXT 526.

To: DAQMG 52 ELU. (also 51, 53.)

Copy: MMLA LO, Naples.
A/Q MMIA. Spec. Sec. MMIA.

1. This HQ is actively concerned to withdraw Italian Army vehicles in possession of Legnano Div as soon as a sufficient number of British W.D. vehicles have been provided.

2. The present intention is that on completion of expected transfer of Legnano Div to Area S. Agata, Italian Army vehicles will be withdrawn to 10 Autieri Regt, Naples.

3. In order that suitable dispositions may be made, please advise this HQ when the vehicles can be withdrawn, the number of vehicles concerned, and whether Legnano Div will be able to provide all or part of the drivers for the journey to 10 Autieri, Naples.

4. I am directed further to state that under no circumstances must these Italian Vehicles be retained in the possession of the Division at the date when they move away from the training area.

(O.C. PERRAU)
Major RASC.
for Lt. Col.
ADST, MMIA.

OGF/JMD

Copy to:- File ST/22/T

28/10/44 d/4 mk

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Subject:- M.T. for Italian Army

Military Mission Italian Army
R O M E

AQ/5
21 Oct 44

My Dear

I am feeling rather desperate about Italian Army M.T., which is in a parlous state.

As you know, the Italian Army has to do its own internal administration with its own M.T. and if it has not enough serviceable M.T. the whole business will break down.

Matters have been getting steadily worse for months. Realising this, some time ago we organised a repair workshop at ARBASANTA in SARDINIA to cannibalise, repair and put on the road the thousands of unserviceable Italian M.T. military vehicles in SARDINIA. This has been a success. We now have over 600 vehicles(including motor-cycles) and over 300 tons of spare parts(see my AQ/5 of 5 Oct attached)parked at CAGLIARI waiting to be shipped and we think we can get another 500 or so. These 600 parked are being maintained as far as possible but inevitably they are deteriorating in the open(there is no cover available).

For weeks I have been trying to get M.T. ships to move them to NAPLES. We had 2 ships allotted and the Air Force took them. Then 206 Division was given a high priority to be brought over for the Americans, including an M.T. ship. Again postponement. I was informed that I could hope for shipment early in November. I sent my Movements officer(WESTBURY) to AFHQ to plead for certain early shipment. WESTBURY now tells me that I cannot hope for shipment before the middle to end of November because M.T. ships are being used to ship M.T. from N. AFRICA and M.E.

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I am seriously alarmed, as I say, at the possible breakdown of the whole Italian administrative machine, particularly as it has now been decided that M.M.I.A. is to handle the clothing and blankets for ER-ITIs even if we advance to the ALPS.

It is an impossible situation and I do feel very strongly about it. One must give the Italians the "tools to do the job" and I consider this [illegible] one of the most highest priority.

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It is an impossible situation and I do feel very strongly about it. One must give the Italians the "tools to do the job" and I consider this matter one of the very highest priority.

I can get no change out of anyone. Postponement after post - ponement.

So I appeal to you as the fountain head. I need most urgently M.T. ships to move 600 M.T. vehicles(including motor-cycles)and over 300 tons of spare parts at the earliest possible moment.

Yours

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(Major General)

Lt Gen J.C.H. CLARK. C.B., M.C.
C.A.O.
A.F.H.Q.

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Subject: Italian Army Vehs sold to Civilians.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/5
26 October 1944

To : AFHQ

1. The Italian Ministry of War has reported that 36 vehs of Italian Army origin were sold by 21 Salvage Depot to a civilian firm GRILLO ADAMO, 25 Via LIBERTA NAPLES. It is further stated that this civilian firm was allotted Allied tyres to put the vehs on the road.

2. When Italian Army vehs driven by civilians are seen on the road by the Military Police, the civilian in charge is liable to immediate arrest for being in illegal possession of Italian Government property. Further, as Allied tyres are NOT made available to the Italian Government to put properly authorized vehs on the road, the presence of Allied tyres on Italian Government vehs operated by civilians will lead to endless CMP enquiries whenever the vehs are stopped at CMP Check Points, etc.

3. So that the matter can be clarified, would you please say if the report made by the Ministry of War, as para 1 above, is correct and if so, what instructions you wish passed to the Minister for War to regularise the position.

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L. Browning

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

FJN/wk

Copy to ST

See folio 254
3rd Feb

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Subject: Italian Army Vehicles.

LIAISON OFFICER
MMIA
NAPLES SECTOR
STN/15

17 October 1944.

To: MMIA
Rome

1. A report has been received from Commando Militare della Campania (Ref No. N 7751/Auto di prot dated 10 Oct 44 copy attached) to the effect that 36 vehicles, of Italian Army origin, were alloted to the firm of Reg: GRILLO ADAMO (address 25 Via Liberta Naples) by 21 Salvage depot.

2. Captain R. J. Baxter, MMIA Naples visited 21 Salvage depot and saw the acting O.C., Lt Plumley, to find out further details of the case.

3. No details were forthcoming except that the 36 vehicles were sold by private arrangement by salvage to the firm in question and Captain Baxter was told that the matter would have to be taken up with the DD Salvage, Col. H.F. Montague, at AFHQ, as it was a private deal between some Lt. Col in AAI Salvage and the firm concerned.

4. The acting O.C., 21 Salvage could not, or would not, produce any authority or letters on the subject, so the authority for the deal is still not known.

5. May this matter be taken up on a higher level in order that the vehicles may be returned to the Italian Army if possible.

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6. It seems by the Italian report that the A/M civilian firm have been alloted Allied tyres to put these vehicles on the road.

for GEORGE D. SMITH, JR
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

RJB/jlm

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C O M A N D O M I L I T A R E D E L L A C A M P A N I A

Ufficio - Direzione Automobilistica

n.7751/Auto di prot. P. M. -IO/IO/944

OGGETTO : Materiale bellico Italiano.

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA (M.M.I.A.)
Sottocommissione per l'Esercito
Via Roma 123
Banco del Lavoro
N A P O L I

e, per conoscenza:

Al COMANDO DELLA 227ª DIVISIONE
S.M. SEZ;I*Rif.02/3741/Ord. del 29/9/44

E' stato segnalato a questo Comando che il 21* Salvage Depot di Torre Annunziata ha ceduto alla Ditta Rag.Grillo Adamo sita a Napoli - Via Liberta' 22- un blocco di 36 automezzi militari italiani.

Pare,anzi, che al predetto civile siano state concesse 1504 anche delle gomme alleate per completare i predetti automezzi.

Poiche' quanto riguarda gli automezzi sarebbe in contrasto con le disposizioni impartite con la circolare n.13 del 1/5/44 dell'A. F. H. Q.,si prega la cortesia di codesta Commissione di voler intervenire per la restituzione dei materiali militari italiani,o quanto meno per la conferma della cessione effettuata.

d'ordine
IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Capo dell'Ufficio Servizi
(Ten.Col. di S.M. Enrico Cocco)

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME
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FROM: MMIA

TO : FREEDOM

RPT: DISTHREE - PBS PASS MMIALO

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AQ 2085 RESTRICTED

OWING WITHDRAWAL OF BORROWED PBS MT IN NAPLES NOW REQUIRED FOR OTHER PURPOSES THE AVAILABLE ITI-ITI TPT CANNOT MEET BRITI COMMITMENT OF MOVING RATIONS FROM DEPOTS TO LOADING POINT FOR DAILY PACK TRAIN TO COMBAT GROUP (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN (.) MAXIMUM TEN TRUCKS REQUIRED (.) ALTERNATIVES ARE EITHER TO TAKE COMBAT GROUP TRANSPORT WITH RESULTANT DELAY IN TRAINING AND RE-EQUIPING PROGRAM OR DISTHREE TO LOAN TPT (.) REQUEST YOU DECIDE WHICH ALTERNATIVE TO BE USED.

Internal Dist: 1803

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SPECIAL SECTION

PRECEDENCE Important

AUTHENTICATED F. J. NOAKES
LT. COL.

√ See Folio 199 + 205

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FROM MAIN AAI 251245

TO AFHQ

INFO MMIA AGS

N130/05

SD 1315

RESTRICTED. REF MMIA AQ/5 OF 5 OCT .

CONSIDERABLE BLA// BACKLOG VEHICLES

AWAITING SHIPMENT FROM SARDINIA .

REQUEST YOU STATE WHEN YOU EXPECT

THIS BACKLOG WILL BE LIFTED .

VEHS OF 205 DIV ARE NOT RPT

N O T INCL IN

MMIA AQ/5 OF 5 OCT

THI 1430

BT

SENT 1657 E H G BBB K

RCD 1657A HRA KK

MMIA FILE REF AQ/5 Date Rec'd 26 Oct

HEADQUARTERS 25 OCT 1944 1802

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LRGT V LAEE NR 74

QVR 4

FROM MMIA LO 54 AREA 250900A

TO MOVEIT FOR 510 GUARD BN

INFO EP SOM LI

MIL HQ P AND L

MMIA

QQX GR -- BT

FE224 . RESTRICTED . IT IS REPORTED THAT ONE OF

THE TWO VEHS ASSIGNED TO 510 GD BN

IN NAPLES IS NOW OUT OF WORKSHOPS AND IN USE AGAIN

. OWING TO EXTREMELY URGENT DEMAND FOR ONE HEAVY VEH

ELSEWHERE MIL HQ P AND L HAS BEEN GIVEN INSTRUCTION TO WITHDRAW ONE

OF THE TWO HEAVY VEHS ASSIGNED THIS BN IN BARI

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SENT NR 74 251105A LS D KKK

RD NR 74 251105A JWR AR K

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A915 189/2

Subject: Assignment of Vehicles received to Detachment at Lourenço.

S2/24/T

Military Mission Italian Army.
HQ.
Col. Rene LEROY DSO.

Ref: A.F.H.Q. Mission General Purpose Transportation.

Copy: Maj. Gen. Della Motorizzazione.
Italian War Ministry.
LIEUT. CO., 1 Distretto.
Lourenço.

1. Would you please arrange for the C.O. C.A.S. operating at Lourenço to be instructed that M.T. personnel doing until further instructions are issued, disposal of vehicles received by ex-Italians will be decided by LIEUT. CO., 1 District.

2. LIEUT. CO., 1 District has been instructed to report weekly in arrears to this HQ, details of vehicles assigned giving type. Italian army registration number and unit to whom assigned.

3. Any special circumstances which you may wish to take of vehicles becoming available at Lourenço should be submitted to this HQ in the usual manner.

4. The intention of the present instruction is to enable LIEUT. CO., 1 District to satisfy the bona fides transport needs of Italian Army units in 1 District. As soon as this HQ considers this has been achieved, normal instructions will be issued re disposal procedure.

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(C. PERSEGHINI).
Major R.A.S.C.
for A.A. G.S.
JUNE, 1945.

Copy/Ctd. 31/10

Copy to: S2.S2/24/10/T

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A/Q (I/C.)

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MAIA

TO : PRS FOR MAIA LO
INFO AGS BARDUTA FOR MAIA LO

24. 1100A.

RESTRICTED

TFT/16

COLLECT AT ONCE 50 (50) GALLONS RPT GALLONS BRAKE FLUID HELD IN RESERVE BY 10 AUXILIARY AND SHIP BY CRUISER TO BARDUTA CONSIGNED MAIA LO (.) PARCEL ROME AREA_____PARCEL (.) PARCEL DISTINCTIVE MARK ON EACH CONTAINER AND TELEGRAPH SERIOUS DETAILS OF SHIP ETA STOWAGE MARKINGS ETCETERA (.) THIS QUANTITY IS NOT RPT NOT COLLECTED WITH THE AMOUNT REFERRED TO IN OUR T/84 OF 11 OCT 44 BUT IS PART OF THE 150 GALLONS COLLECTED BY 10 AUXILIARY FROM 557 BOD IN AUGUST (.) T/84 OF 11 OCT STILL STANDS AND WE AWAIT YOUR ACTION AS REQ

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POSTSCRIPT

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATION

SGD (C.C. PAPILLEAU)
MAJ. FOR LT. COL.

INTERNAL:- 2 i/c

Dir Mot War Ministry (Copy by hand which please treat as authorisation for this release - your 20000/22 of 14 Oct 44 refers)

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A915

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MEDIA

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN
24 0900A

TO (FOR ACTION): AGC SARDINIA

TO (FOR INFO): PBS pass MEDIALO

REF. NO. AQ 2072

(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION): SECRET

FOR SIMMONS (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN (.) FREEDOM

ADVISE POSSIBLE PROVISION ONE SHIP TO LOAD ONE HUNDRED AND

FIFTY VEHICLES CAGLIARI APPROX FIRST NOVEMBER

PRECEDENCE: Routine

AUTHENTICATION: [illegible]

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INTERNAL:
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RAAG MESSAGE FORM

From MMLA

24 0900 A

To 50 HLU

SM.665

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref your query to LIGHLEET (.) PAREN ROME AREA PAREN (.) NO cpt NO motor tpt accompanies gd units of MANTOVA and FICINO due shortly in come area

PRECEDENCE Routine

AUTHENTICATED

Internal to

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Seen by S.T.

Arrangements made for Lovitt to lend some M.T. for housekeeping purposes.

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(485/11)

SUBJECT - Tpt - Smoke Coys

3 District
Ext 113
631/8 Q
21 Oct 44

MMIA —

Lab
MMIA LO

M.M. Z Acq
FILE REF 15
Date Rec'd 26/10

178 819.

attd 178 — Ref your AQ/5 of 18 Oct 44 and AFHQ letter AG091. 711/011 GCT-O of 21 Sep 44.

1. On reorganisation of Italian Smoke Coys the establishment of vehs was reduced to one lorry 3 ton 4x2 GS per Coy, NOT amended to an additional lorry 3 ton per Coy.

2. At the same time, all lorries held surplus on loan were withdrawn, and the Companies now each hold only the one lorry 3 ton GS authorised on WE.

F. Clark
Maj Gen
Comd

26/10

WJC/efs

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A9/5

Subject:- Tyres from Inefficient Vehicles

T/72.

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
tel: Rome 439081 EXT 526.

To: Direz. Gen. della Motorizzazione,
Italian War Ministry.

21 Oct 44.

Copies: SMRE Ufficio Servizi Sezione Automobilismo.
All MMIA LOs.
A/Q HQ MMIA.

1. During recent tour of inspection in Naples, it was observed:-

(a) that inefficient vehicles in Non-Runner Parks in some cases still had pneumatic Tyres mounted on them

(b) where Tyres had been removed for conservation, they were retained separately in the Non-Runner Park and were therefore not included in the periodic Tyres stock return submitted by the Comando concerned.

2. It is surmised that a similar situation exists in other areas.

3. The arguments for retaining Tyres From Inefficient Vehicles on or near to the vehicles concerned are:-

(a) accountancy responsibility of the unit on whose charge the vehicle is held

(b) necessity for moving the vehicle from Non-Runner Park to workshop in due course

(c) necessity for having Tyres available if and when the vehicle is eventually repaired

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4. Against this course of action however can be urged:-

(a) acute general Tyre shortage

(b) average long time taken to repair inefficient vehicles in present circumstances for reasons largely beyond your control.

5. For the latter reasons it is considered that on balance great advantage will accrue if you can arrange that Tyres are removed and put into the general reserve from all vehicles awaiting large or medium repairs. For this to be possible it will be necessary for you to ensure that all

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6. Tyres will then be issued from the store (a) temporarily to enable the vehicle to move from Park to Workshop; this will be done locally and on completion of the move the Tyres will again return to the store (b) permanently if and when the vehicle is ready to take the road; issues of Tyres for this latter purpose will require to be authorised by this HQ in the same way as any other Tyre issues.

7. Please submit urgently to this HQ draft instruction to your Territorial Comands embodying the foregoing conception.

(O.C. PAPINEAU).
Major RASC.
for Lt. Col.
ADST, MMIA.

OCP/JMD

(BF 7 Nov)

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MESSAGE FORM

Date Time of Origin.

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From : MMIA

To(For Action) : G 3 Org AFHQ

Ref No : SD 1653

Security Classification SECRET

In reply FX 41325 of 20 Oct received here 21 Oct (*) Paren ROME Area Paren Regret cannot accept your offer of tpt on 24 Oct (*) Investigation of exact nos thnt should be accepted into Italian Army is proceeding and MMIA will immediately signal you

Precedence IMPORTANT

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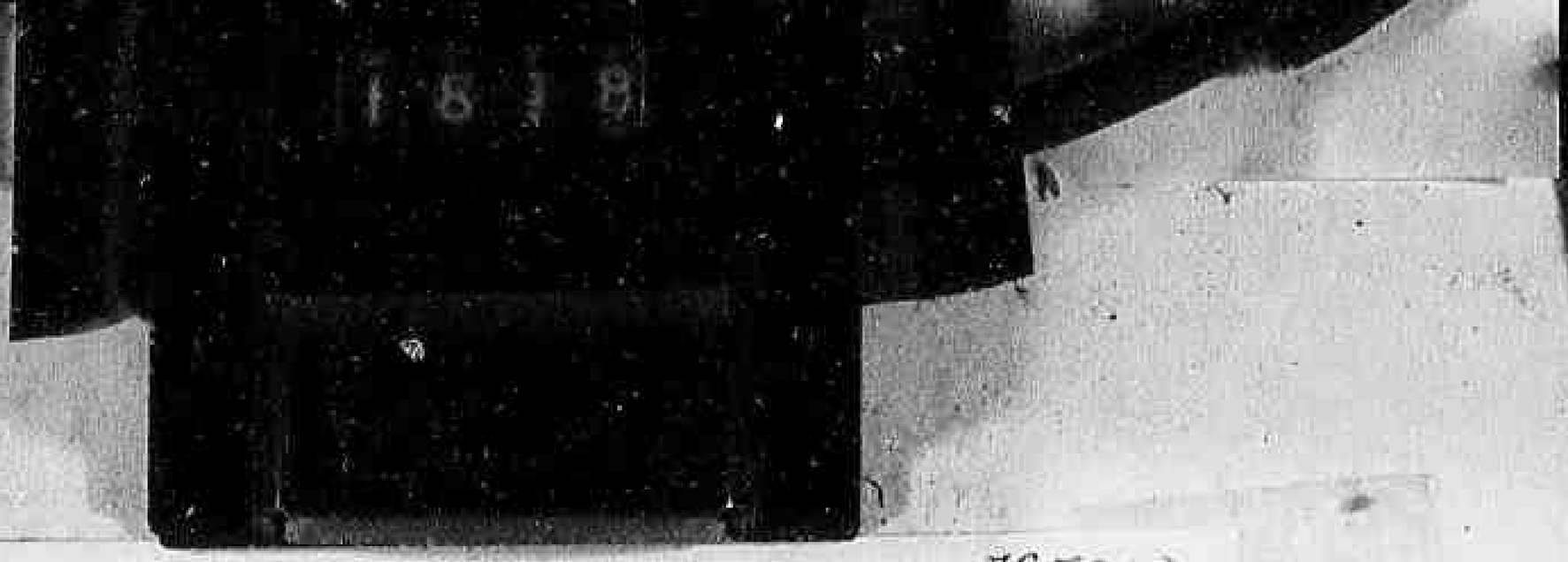

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Subject:- Vehicles Formerly on GHQ Ammunition Run

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
Tel: Rome 1B9084 ext 526.

T/24.

20 Oct 44.

To: [illegible].

Copies: C(SD) [illegible].
[illegible]

1. It was stated to the undersigned by Comando Companie sources during recent visit that of the 19 vehicles until recently on the GHQ Ammunition Run, 9 have now returned into the possession of Comando Companie (by whom they are being held at Terre Amministe) and the remaining 10 have gone into the possession of PWB (presumably 212 Division).

2. As no authorisation has ever been issued from this HQ for the allocation of these vehicles to 212 Division would you please have the matter investigated and report as to the exact facts, and also submit your recommendations as to what should be the next action if any?

(O.C. PATTEAU).
Major RASC.
for Lt. Col.
ADJT, MMIA.

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(DS 3 Nov)

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A4/5

Subject:- Control of Vehicle Assignments in Naples

T/1.

20 Oct 44.

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
tel: Rome 489081 EXT 526.

To: SMRE, Ufficio Servizi, Sezione Automobilismo.

Copy: Direz Gen della Motorizzazione, Ministry of War.
MMIA LO, Naples.
A/Q MMIA HQ. ← T/22. T/24.

1. During recent tour of inspection in Naples it was apparent that the control of vehicle assignments in Naples is still not as clear-cut as it should be.

2. It was stated:-

(a) that there are unexecuted authorisations outstanding for 10 vehicles for Compagnia di Manovalenza di Commissariato di Napoli, 2 for Direzione Artiglieria Campania, 1 for Direzione Genio Campania.

(b) that within the last two weeks efficient vehicles have been released from Agnano, 1 to Nembo Division, 1 to Autodrappello Autonomo di Comando Campania.

(c) that unexecuted authorisations are still also outstanding for vehicles for SIM and Autosezione di SMRE di Roma.

3. Corresponding authorisations for assignments from this HQ cannot be readily traced in this office, although it is not wished to state categorically that the assignments quoted in para 2 are out of order. Past experience and discussion of the problem on latest visit to Naples shew that there is a very considerable time-lag between authorisations here in Rome and their execution in Naples, and any of the assignments in para 2 may be explicable accordingly.

4. It was also stated in Naples that in the past it was sometimes necessary to earmark against authorisations received inefficient vehicles in anticipation of their being repaired, and this practice was clearly bound to aggravate the time-lag and likely to result in subsequent confusion and uncertainty.

5. In order to clear up the whole position once and for all, the following

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5. In order to clear up the whole position once and for all, the following action will now be taken:-

(a) on receipt of this letter you will forthwith instruct Comando Campania that all assignments of vehicles from Naples outstanding should be regarded as cancelled

(b) vehicles arriving from Sardinia will be taken into the Fuori Groteo Runners' Park as prescribed in this HQ letter T/33 of 17 Oct 44 to MMIA LO, Naples copy to you

(c) vehicles rendered efficient as a result of the efforts of 10 Autieri and/or Ufficina Ansaldo from now on will also be transferred on completion of repairs, into the Fuori Groteo Runners' Park,

(d) you will instruct Comando Campania to furnish to you each Friday starting 27 Oct 44 a list of vehicles on hand in Fuori Groteo Runners' Park; Comando Campania will also furnish two copies of such list directly to MMIA Naples (who will forward one copy to this HQ by fastest means).

(e) All future requests for assignments of vehicles from Fuori Groteo Runners' Park (including any assignments you wish to re-submit as result of cancellations in (a) above) will be presented by you to this HQ in normal manner

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(c) endorsements approved will be communicated by this HQ to you [illegible] to HQ 10 Indian.

(d) when transmitting authorizations for assignments to Grands Carpets you will in every instance instruct Grands Carpets to check with HQ 10 Indian before the assignment is executed; any assignment which HQ 10, Region does not endorse will not be acted upon but will be returned back to you by Grands Carpets.

(e) all assignments authorized by this HQ will in future be for specific vehicles (by Serge No) shown as available in the weekly returns as (d) above and you will instruct Grands Carpets that in no circumstances will any other vehicles be issued in substitution if the vehicle nominated is for any reason unavailable, the case will be referred back to you by Grands Carpets.

5. A corresponding system will be instituted in due course for the assignment of vehicles from the Base Park (to be created from ex - CEL vehicles) and for the Naval Park (to be created from vehicles requisitioned by Auxiliaries (details of part above) to transfer to Naval.

7. Monthly please furnish to this HQ regular copy of your instructions to Grands Carpets resulting from para 5 above.

[illegible]
(G. [illegible]).
Major [illegible].
for Lt. Col.
[illegible].

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(IF 3 [illegible])

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

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From: MMIA

To: PHS

Hpt FREEDOM for QM(CLMS)

AQ 2050 RESTRICTED

PASS FWIA LO (.) PARAE KOMR AREA _____ PAREN (.)

CONTACT QM(CLMS) SECTION APHQ AND REPORT ARRANGEMENTS

NECESSARY TO CALL OVER VEHICLES OPTIONAL IN FREEDOM

LETTER AG 400-53/135 OCT-O OF 15 OCT NOT TO YOU

Internal Dist:

ST.

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED _____

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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AG 540/143 GCT-O

SECRET
By Authority of
SACMED
Initials
Date 9 October 1944

SUBJECT: Shipment of Italian Transport from SARDINIA to the Mainland.

TO : Commander, Military Mission Italian Army.
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1. Reference is made to your AQ/5 dated 5 October 1944, requesting early allocation of shipping to move Italian Army MT vehicles and stores from CAGLIARI, Sardinia, to NAPLES.

2. This problem has again been examined by the Movement and Transportation section of this headquarters, who agree to the provision of shipping for this purpose.

3. However, the port capacity of CAGLIARI is at present fully occupied and does not permit the positioning of a ship for loading the vehicles, according to priority list 7, until approximately 1 November 1944.

4. On or about 1 November it is possible to provide one ship to load 150 vehicles, and additional ships later to effect the clearance of these urgently required vehicles.

5. This headquarters will keep you informed as, and when, additional shipping becomes available for these vehicles.

By command of General WILSON:

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R. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

SECRET

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File Copy AQ/S 180

MESSAGE FORM

From : MMIA 19 etc.

To : G4 Area rptd Mov Freedom
DISTRIBUTION MOVEMENT
Copy to ST

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AQ 2044 (.) PAREN HOME AREA PAREN (.) RESTRICTED (.) FOR MMIA LO

(.) REF YOUR FB 177 (.) SUBJECT IS VEHS FOR 510 GD BN (.) 6 rpt 6 VEHS TO REMAIN ON TEMPORARY LOAN TO 510 GD BN PENDING FUTURE PERMANENT ALLOTMENT (.)

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION

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SUBJECT: Italian Fiats in Mid-East

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
AQ/5
19 October 1944

MEMORANDUM: for Colonel Libby.

1. This subject has been referred to in letter AFHQ/8070/1/Q (AE) of 6 October and MMIA letter AQ/5 of 12 October.

2. It will be noted that request was made for the Italian Army to repair these vehicles for use of ACC. This we cannot do as:

(a) ACC has all the spare parts and will not release any to us even for Italian Army vehicles now on hand.

(b) ACC has taken over the Fiat Workshop in Rome, and will probably take over others as we advance.

(c) We just do not have sufficient Army personnel to repair Italian Army vehicles and vehicles for ACC at the same time.

3. It appears that, (1) the vehicles should be brought over and turned over to ACC for repair and use by them (2) or turned over to Italian Army and ACC be directed to release necessary spare parts and facilities so the Army can repair them for Army use.

C.P. KERR,
Col. Infantry

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APO 512

16 October 1944

MEMORANDUM: To Colonel Kerr

SUBJECT : Italian Fiats in Mid-East

1. When Major Warren was at Cairo he talked with a Major Cronin of USAFIME relative to captured 10 ton Fiat trucks. Cronin told Warren that there were 189 Fiats generally in one location and that others were known to be in the area. He stated the condition of these 189 trucks to be as follows:

14	drivable
132	complete, must be towed
43	can't be towed
14	w/o engines
7	w/o body
6	w/o wheels
37	missing 1 or more tires
189	Total

2. Warren suggested to me that we might arrange to ship at least a portion of the better vehicles to Italy and that they might be put in runnable condition by units of the Italian Army. I have endeavored for a month to put this idea across at AFHQ, but have been turned down on every effort.

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3. These trucks were originally set up for reconditioning in R.E.M.E. work shops in Mid-East for shipment to ACC in Italy. We were expecting to get possibly 120 out of the lot. Two months ago, after receiving about 50 vehicles, we were advised that no more would be forthcoming. Warren came back with the idea that although many more of these vehicles were repairable with existing parts or through cannibalization, lack of R.E.M.E. man power was the reason for stopping shipment. I am told here at AFHQ that this is definitely not the fact and that the reason that shipments were stopped was solely for lack of parts and the feasibility of putting many man hours of work into these vehicles. Further to my proposal that these be brought to Italy for repair by the Italian Army, I am told definitely that the Italy Army has neither the availability of spare Fiat parts or facilities with which to carry out major repairs and overhaul. Since Warren was so enthusiastic about this possibility, I would like your view point on the matter before pressing further.

4. It is of course very doubtful what we may find when we gain possession of the Fiat Works in Northern Italy. There is however a possibility that more Fiat parts may be found in that area than in

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that area of Italy which we presently occupy.

DONALD M. LIBBY
Lt. Col., G. S. C.

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SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Tpt from Smoke Coys.

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
AQ/5
19 October 1944.

Hq No. 1 District
Hq. No. 3 District.

1. A copy of AFHQ Letter AG 091711/011 GCT-O dated 21 September 1944 is forwarded herewith.

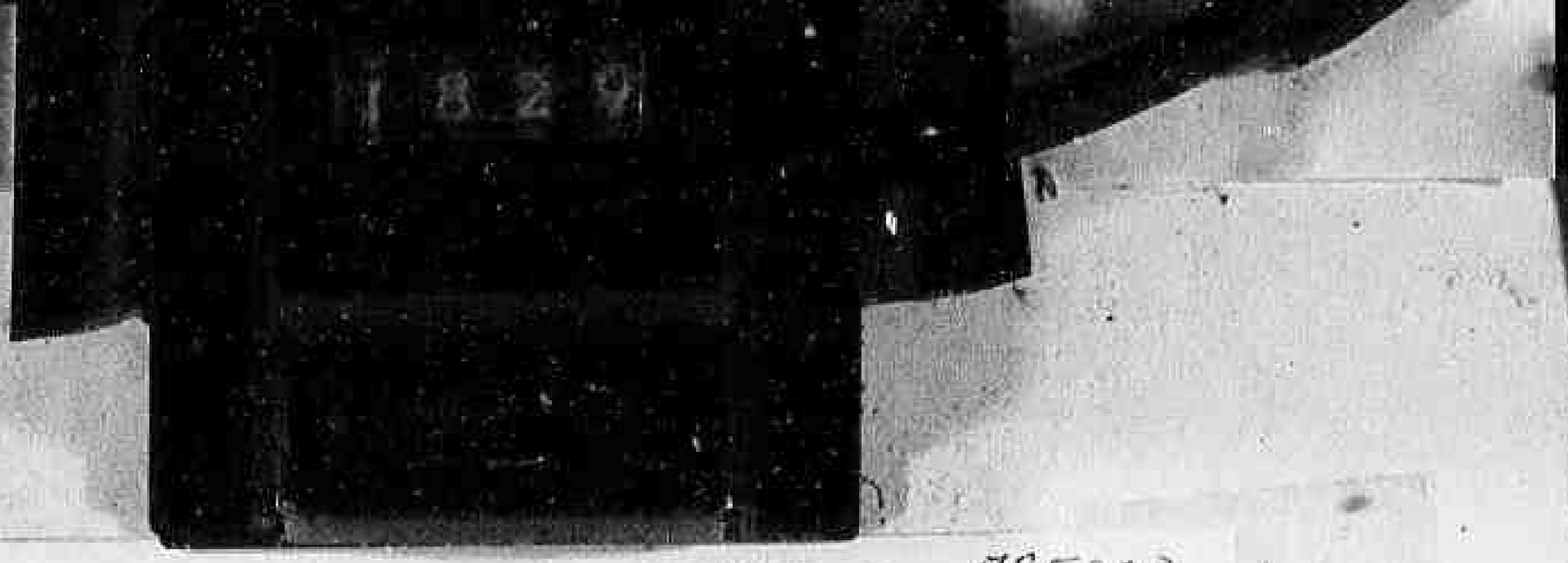
2. It is requested that you take the necessary action ref para. 2 of above letter.

F.J. NOAKES, Lt. Col.
for Major General
MMIA.

JGH/ag

Copy to:
AFHQ (your AG 091711/011 GCT-O dated 21 Sept. 44 refers)
Hq AAI (plus copy of AFHQ letter)

See folios 183/1784



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

21 September 1944

AG 091.711/011 GCF-O

SUBJECT: Italian Smoke Companies

To: Commander, Headquarters Military Mission Italian Army,
(For: Army Sub-Commission)

1. Reference is made to the attached copy of letter this headquarters, file AG 091.711-1(Italian) C-3 dated 26 March 1944, subject: Formation of Italian Smoke Companies.

2. Paragraph 4 of the above letter provides for certain items of equipment to be made available on a temporary basis to these Italian Smoke Companies while actually employed on smoke duties. During recent reorganizations, however, the companies have been placed on a new W.E. (A 1/36/1) which provides for the addition of 1 Truck, 3 Ton, 4 x 2 above the old establishment. As a consequence the 3-ton trucks on loan to the companies can be reduced from 3 to 2. It is requested that you make arrangements with the appropriate Base Section or Districts in which the Companies are operating to put this reduction into effect.

By Command of General WILSON

(sgd) H.H.PHESS
Capt. AGD
Asst. Adjutant General

Copy to HQ AAI

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Received from GO (unloading) 16/3

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			Offrs	ORs	Veh	Destination
18 October BEACONSFIELD	86	130 Surgical Unit		1	1	AFRAGOLA
	92	23 Surgical Unit		1	1	AFRAGOLA
		113 Radiological Sec		3	3	AFRAGOLA
	89	133 Radiological Sec		2	2	AFRAGOLA
	90	113 Mob. Dental Sec		1	1	AFRAGOLA
	85	84 Amb. Sec		20	20 amb	AFRAGOLA
+		Hq. Aosta Div.		15	18	FREEZE PARK, (Some vehs to) REMAINDER TO AFRAGOLA
?		Mob. Radio wksp	1	1	1	SOME VEHS TO FREEZE PARK, REMAINDER TO AFRAGOLA
+	167	953/954 wksp		12	12 4 M/C	VEHS TO FREEZE PARK
	180	Mob. Bridging wksp	1	9	8 4 generators	AFRAGOLA
		Auto Cinema	1	1	1	COMILIT
	315	Hq. 6 Gd. Regt.	1	1	1	ASTRONI
	87	230 Fd Hosp	1		1 disinfecting store	AFRAGOLA
	88	232 Fd Hosp	1		1 disinfecting store	AFRAGOLA
	92	495 Fd Hosp	1		1 disinfecting store	AFRAGOLA
+		Casual Vehs			15 Lt. Trucks (Spa)	FREEZE PARK

(a) Add concerning letter 1782

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(a) Copy

This News is Old!
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Subject:- Salvage Italian Vehicles and Material.

LIAISON OFFICER
MMIA
NAPLES SECTOR
SNT/15.

18 October 44.

To; MMIA, ROME.

Copy: 21 Base Salvage Depot.

Reference your AQ/5 of 7 October 1944.

1. Paragraph 3 states that arrangements will be coordinated by Major Murcell for Bari and Major Smith for Naples.

2. In spite of this O.C., Salvage Depot has been instructed by some authority that no Italian Vehicle, or bits of vehicles, shall be moved from his depot except on production of a special permit, of which he claims to have a specimen copy.

3. As this office has neither the permit in question nor has it the required rubber stamp of authority, it would appear that the business of collecting these vehicles will be greatly prolonged, owing to the time taken to procure the special passes.

4. May a number of the necessary passes please be sent to this office in order that the local Italians might proceed as intended.

5. The permit is issued by " Italian Military Mission HQ, AAI " under authority of an AAI letter dated 13 Aug 44.

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GEORGE D. SMITH, JR
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer.

RJB/bc

Confirming telephone conversation Major Papineau - Capt. Baxter 18 Oct 44. This matter is being taken up with Major Galloway AFHQ.

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Subject:- Reception in Naples of Italian Army Vehicles ex Sardinia in S.S. BRACONSFIELD.

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17 Sept 44.

Military Mission Italian Army.
ROME.
tel: Rome 489081 EXT 526.

To: MMIA LO, FRS.

Copies: MMIA LO, Sardinia.
G5D)
A/Q)← MMIA HQ.
DADRS)
Direzione Generale Motorizzazione,
Italian War Ministry (without attached list previously furnished to Lt. Col. LA SCALA).

1. This letter confirms arrangements made in Naples reference above.

2. Vehicles are expected to arrive presently in Naples in S.S. BRACONSFIELD approximately in accordance with list attached (N.B. this list was provided by Major BARONI from Comando Sardegna and having been made out before loading was completed, vehicles eventually arriving may be different).

3. As agreed with Capt Thrupp, medical vehicles in the list assigned to formed medical units for which MMIA Naples has received specific destinations will remain in possession of the units concerned and subsequently proceed with the units to destination. These vehicles will be staged either at Senola FARINELLO or at Afragola Camp as Capt Thrupp may decide.

4. If any medical vehicles arrive in S.S. BRACONSFIELD not attached to specific units, they will be taken into Naples Runners' Park (see para 7 following) pending further instructions.

5. Non-medical vehicles arriving in S.S. BRACONSFIELD irrespective of whether assigned to formed units or not will be frozen, and turned into Naples Runners' Park, except that as prescribed in AQ/5 of 18 Aug 44 formed units will be allowed to retain 'such vehicles as are necessary for their minimum housekeeping needs'. Power of decision on this point is vested in MMIA LO, Naples.

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6. The Bridging Workshop and the two Artisan Workshops in list attached (Serials 180 and 187) will probably constitute special cases not susceptible of treatment as under para 5. When it is known exactly what personnel and vehicles have arrived against these serials, details should be reported by telephone to DADT, MMLA for decision clearance and decision with other MMLA staff officers affected. Both the personnel and vehicles concerned should be immobilised at Naples pending receipt of final instructions.

7. Responsibility for ascertainment of the arrival and berthing of S.S. BEACONSFIELD was agreed to lie with Capt. BIAGGINI Italian Army Embarkation and Disembarkation Office Naples Port (tel: 51607). On receipt of this information Capt BIAGGINI will immediately inform MMLA Naples and 10 Raggruppamento Autieri Naples (tel: 53520).

8. MMLA Naples Officer concerned with disembarkation of vehicles and delivery to Park will be Capt ZANAS Italian Army Officers concerned are Tn. Col. SCOGNAMIGLIO commanding 10 Autieri and Tn. D'AQUINO operating the Park for 10 Autieri.

9. MMLA Naples and 10 Autieri will each arrange for checkers from their respective offices to list the vehicles: (a) discharged from ship (b) delivered into Park.

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10. 10 Autieri will be responsible for POL at shipside.

11. 10 Autieri will be responsible for drivers to move vehicles from Docks to Park. MMIA Naples will in addition arrange for any drivers on hand at Afragola Camp to be pressed into service on temporary detail.

12. The Naples Runners' Park will be located in Caserma CANZANELLA, Via Gabriele Rossetti, Riono Duc d'Aosta, Fuori Grotto. This is a walled and guarded compound (former Italian Barracks) of large area, of which a small section is at present occupied by Coy E 357 Engineers PBS, O i/c Capt CHICCONE (tel: 11284). Use of the space concerned for parking Italian vehicles was authorised by PBS on application by MMIA LO Naples, and arranged in detail on the site between Cap CHICCONE - Capt ZAVAS - Major Papinnau on 15 Oct 44.

13. 10 Autieri will provide 2 Sottufficiali and 1 Cpl and 12 men for guarding the Italian vehicles within the compound. (A U.S. military guard covers the compound as a whole). A vacant hut will be allotted for the Italian Military Guard.

14. On completion of discharge of S.S. MEACONSFIELD, MMIA LO Naples will furnish to MMIA HQ ship's out-turn report and statement how vehicles disposed of as between formed units and delivery to Park.

15. The working of the foregoing arrangements on their trial run should also be the subject of report by MMIA LO Naples with view to repetition and/or modification of the drill for subsequent shipments.

16. MMIA LO, Naples is requested to supervise closely the working of the Naples Runners' Park and in particular to ensure that no vehicles are withdrawn by the Italian Military Authorities except on proper authorisation by HQ MMIA. Copies of all MMIA HQ to War Ministry instructions for release of vehicles from Runners' Park will be marked to MMIA LO, Naples, who should instruct Comando Campania that all release orders must be referred first to [illegible] office Naples for endorsement before vehicles are released. War Ministry will be requested by this HQ to inform Comando Campania in the same sense.

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(O.C. PAPINEAU).
Major RASC.
for Lt. Col.
ADJT, MMIA.

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LIBERTY BEACONSFIELD. ETA Naples 15 oct. 44

n° preceden.	Reparto	Uff.	truppa	automotomezzi
60	113 autoamb.rad.(Cremona		3	3 autofurgoncini
85	84 sezione autoambulanze		20	20 autoambulanze
86	130 nucleo chirurgico		1	1 autofurgone
87	230 ospedale da campo		1	1 stufa Gianolli
88	232 ospedale da campo		1	1 stufa Gianolli
89	133 ambulanza radiol.		2	2 autofurgoni
90	113 ambul.odontoiatrica		1	1 autofurgone
92	495 ospedale da campo		1	1 stufa Gianolli
92	23 nucleo chirurgico		1	1 autofurgone
139	R.E.		2	2 autoveicoli
146	33 sez.sanità (Aosta)		5	5 veicoli
167	953-954 co.officina		13	12 autoveicoli
				4 motocicli
180	officina& mob.pontieri	1	9	8 autoveicoli
				4 grue elettr.
315	6 rgt.guardie	-	3	1 autocarro
	autoradiofficina	1	1	1 autofficina
	autocinema Simens	-	1	1 rimorchio
	Com.Div."Bari"	-	12	8 autoveicoli
		2	77	1 rimorchio
				2 motocarrozz.
				6 motocicli

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	autocinema Simens	-	1	1 rimorchio
	Com.Div."Bari"	-	12	8 autoveicoli
		2	77	1 rimorchio
				2 motocarrozz.
				6 motocicli
7				86 +
				20 + 35 veicoli di tipo da precisare

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FROM MMIALO 54 AREA 16 1730A

TO MMIA

INFO MOVEIT

QQX

MMIA AQ 5 Date Rec'd 18/10

(P)

4/17

FB 177 RESTRICTED . REF YOUR AQ 2020 OF 14 .

REASON FOR MY ACTION WAS THAT

MOVIET QUOTED AFHQ AS

SAYING MMIA WOULD GIVE ME INSTRUCTIONS TO

REALLOCATE TPT AS MATTER URGENT .

510 GD BN HAVE 6 RPT 6 LORRIES WHICH

HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED FOLLOWING MY

IN TRUCTIONS . MY ENDEAVOURS TO OBTAIN

ASSISTANCE FROM ALLIED UNITS UNSUCCESFUL

AS UNIT IS ITI-ITI AND THEREFORE MMIA

RESPONSIBILITY . WHAT IS PROCEDURE

FOR SECURING G1098 WHEN NOT AVAILABLE

FROM ITALIAN SOURCES

BT

RPTN FB 177 AQ 2020 14 6 6 AND 510

ITI-ITI G1098

HEC B.

19/10 197

Answered

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LRKD V LAEE NR14" P " P "
QVR 1
FROM DISTHREE 161114
TO HQ MMIA
INFO MMIA LO BARI DISTHREE EAST
GR13
02683 CONFIDENTIAL REQUEST URGENT
ACTION RELEASE VEHS FOR 510 GD BN REQUIRED FOR IMMEDIATE
DUTY AS TRAIN GDS
SENT NR R14 16/1520A GEC
RECD NR 14 16/1520 A AAA AZSDL

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Subject:- Italian Vehicles. HQ AL[illegible]D ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel :- TILLOT 202

AQ 5 17.10

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16 Oct 44

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A.A.F.

Copy to:- CG Fifth Army (AL 451-S of 10 Oct refers).
AFHQ
Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. ✓

1. It has been reported by Fifth Army that two Fiat 626 vehicles belonging to the Italian 210th Division are being used by 208 Squadron, RAF 239th Wing C.A.F.

2. The unit reports that these vehicles were found abandoned and have not been requisitioned.

3. May the unit concerned be directed to hand over the vehicles to Fifth Army Ordnance Section in accordance with instructions contained in paragraph (b), Section 1, Circular #13, AFHQ of 1 May 1944.

4. On receipt of the vehicles Fifth Army will request Army Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission to allot them to 210 Division under the provision of the above circular.

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1st - B.M. Roberts Cpt

Maj-General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

Ref.

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RHF:sl 174/1

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 400.93/135 GCT-O

15 October 1944

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Vehicles

TO : Commander, Headquarters MMLA, FOR: Army Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission

1. Information received in this headquarters indicates that a certain number of captured enemy vehicles, mainly Class IV, are being received in RVP's. It is considered that these vehicles, after repair, could, with advantage, be passed over to the Italian Army.

2. If you are prepared to undertake the repair of these vehicles, you are requested to make application to QM(CMS) Section, this headquarters, from whom details of the vehicles and their location can be obtained.

3. In the event that the vehicles are not of interest to you, it is requested that the question of their availability be referred to the Transportation Sub-Committee, Allied Control Commission, for their decision as to whether the vehicles would be acceptable to them on the same terms.

By command of General WILSON:

R. H. FRESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Office Date Stamp: 1915

For Action

TO: MMIA, AAI, AGO SARDINIA 166

(W) For Information (INFO)

COMZONE NATOUSA, AGO SARDINIA FOR COL SIMMONS

Message Instructions: 1610 | QR

Originator's No.

FX38629 (.) CANCEL PARAS 1 B AND 1 E OF MY 37149 OF 11 OCT (.) PORT ACCEPTANCE PROHIBITS NOMINATION OF THESE SHIPS AT PRESENT BUT FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED REGARDING CLEARANCE OF THESE VEHICLES

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DADT.

Col. Simmons says there are certain problems in Sardinia which require General Aliberti's personal presence there.

Such being the case will you please arrange with General Aliberti for him to go to Sardinia towards the latter part of week ending 21 October 1944.

You will accompany him to discuss matters with Hall and get the picture of what is available in Sardinia, personnel and vehicles, which could be used on the mainland.

Signal Col. Simmons your ETA when trip arrangements completed.

H. L. Peacock

Lt.Col.,
ADST.

SWT Branch

14 Oct 44.

Copy to:- A/Q NMIA
Col. Simmons.

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME
14 1145 A

From: MMIA

To: 54 AREA

AQ 2020 RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN (.) YOUR SIGNAL CR/154 REFERS (.) YOU HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO REASSIGN ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES CONTROL OF WHICH LIES ENTIRELY THIS HQ (.) ENSURE VEHICLES REASSIGNED BY YOU ARE RETURNED TO PARENT UNIT AT FIRST PRACTICABLE OPPORTUNITY (.) NEW SUBJECT (.) YOUR SIGNAL PS/137 REFERS (.) UNABLE TO ASSIGN ADDITIONAL VEHICLES TO 512 CD BN AT THIS TIME (.) REPORT HOW MANY VEHICLES THIS UNIT HAS NOW RPT NOW (.) SUGGEST YOU ENDEAVOUR OBTAIN TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FROM ALLIED UNITS

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PRECEDENCE Routine

AUTHENTICATED 3rd Cpl W

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Army SC 171
11/10/92

LNKD U LATT 1257 K 2

FLOT ROTALD 34 NNE
0 MIA
P 157 11.

R-STRIKER. ROVETT GAT 512 GD EN MOVES 15
RPT 15 YDS IN ORDER TO OPERATE
RETTECH UNIT WHICH ITALIANS HAVE RELIEVE WORKED
WEAK 2 RPT 2 THRU TOWERS
MID 17 RPT 17 FIFTEEN CUTS. IF THERE

N O T AVAILABLE ITALIAN SOURCES PRESUME

YOU WILL TAKE NEXT STEP

BT 1049

6/13

AQ 15 13/10

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SENT 1257 1726A EJH ARCK

13/16/97

Copy to SY 1770

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : BMIA

TOO. 121745 A.

TO : 50 [illegible]
56 [illegible]
Cs. [illegible] FOR 52 and 53 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]/9 (.) [illegible] AREA __________ [illegible] (.) [illegible] THAT BRITISH [illegible]

[illegible] WILL [illegible] BE USED IN ALL ITALIAN UNITS IN ALL [illegible] (.)

[illegible] ACCORDINGLY (.)

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To see S.T.

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Subject: Vehicles in Sardinia.

Military Mission
Italian Army
Rome
AG/5
13 October 1944

To : Colonel Simmons, Sardinia

1. It is understood that when Major Hall completes his work of rebuilding vehicles for the Italian Army in Sardinia, that there will be a considerable number of Italian Army vehicles not worth bringing to the mainland for the Italian Army.

2. Army vehicles, which are considered by Major Hall to be not worth rebuilding for use of the Italian Army, may be turned over by you to the Regional Commission, ACC for use in connection with civilian supplies.

3. It is understood that any vehicles turned over to ACC remain the property of the Italian Army, and proper receipts should be obtained so that the proper adjustments may be made between the various Ministries of the Italian Government. Send receipts to this Headquarters for transmittal to the War Ministry.

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CPK/lnk

CLARENCE P. KIRK, Colonel
for Major General
MMIA

cc: Chief of Staff, ACC
Minister for War
ST-MMIA
Major Hall

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(168)

Subject: Repair ITALIAN Fiats in M.E.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/5

12 Oct 44

To: A.F.H.Q.

161/1

Reference AFHQ/8070/1/Q(AE) of 6 Oct 44.

1. I cannot say that the Italian Army is in a position to undertake repairs at the present time to vehs other than those the Army now holds. It is with the utmost difficulty that I am meeting my present commitments.

2. Italian Army Workshops are few, badly equiped and desperately short of spare parts. By an extensive programme of cannibalisation in SARDINIA I have been able to produce enough spares to refit a number of trucks, but when this is finished I have no further source of spare parts. ACC have found themselves unable to help me with any of the spare parts found in civilian repair installations during the advance, and the FIAT workshop in ROME is already in use by ACC.

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3. Under the circumstances the Italian Army cannot take on further repair work without reducing the Army MT below the level necessary to maintain the present commitments.

L. Borowiec

Major General.
M. M. I. A.

FJN/hh

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For Action: ACC FOR MMIA FOR NOAKES

TO (W) For Information (INFO): AAI

Message Instructions: GP

Originator's No.

FX37436 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) CONCURRENCE AFHQ WITH MINOR CHANGES TO MMIA ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION ON SUBJECT ITALIAN ARMY TRANSPORT CONTROL (.) PARA 4 D 1 CHANGE "NEARSIDE" TO "BOTTOM RIGHT HAND CORNER" AND PARA 4 D 4 ADD "IN ADDITION TO THE LABEL ON THE M/C"(.) APPENDIX H ADD A COLUMN TO SHOW NUMBER OF NON RUNNERS BY TYPE (.) FOR INFORMATION AFHQ 6 COPIES DESIRED RATHER THAN 2 (.) DRAFT COPY BEING FORWARDED TO YOU THROUGH AAI IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFHQ STAFF MEMORANDUM 93 OF 7 SEPTEMBER, SECTION 6

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For Action

TO: MMIA, AGC SARDINIA, AAI

(W) For Information (INFO)

COLZONE NATOUSA, AGC SARDINIA FOR COL SIMMONS

Message Instructions — GP

Originator's No. FX37149 (.) SECRET (.) REF MMIA LETTER AQ/5 OF 5 OCT (.) ONE (.) FOLLOWING IS PLAN FOR MOVEMENT LIST 7 VEHICLES SARDINIA TO NAPLES (A) VESSEL BEACONSFIELD CAPACITY APPROX 40 VEHS NOW LOADING CAGLIARI (B) VESSEL TO BE NOMINATED ETA CAGLIARI APPROX 15 OCT TO LOAD CAPACITY WITH MT APPROX 150 ~~XXXX~~ VEHS (C) BEACONSFIELD WILL MAKE FURTHER TRIP DURING OCTOBER (D) FORT EDUCTIC ETA 11 OCT CAGLIARI TO LOAD APPROX 40 VEHS (E) ADDITIONAL FULL MT LOADED CAPACITY 150 VEHS TO BE NOMINATED END OF OCTOBER (.) TWO (.) AGREED PSTO MED

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D.A.D. Salvage,
HQ. No. 3 District.

A-S
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12/10

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
AFHQ/36/27/SAI/10,
10 Oct 44.
FRANCE 806.

SUBJECT: Re-issues to M.M.I.A. 162-/1

1. Reference attached letter from MMIA, AG/5, dated 7 Oct 44.

2. Will you please instruct all A.D.Os and Salvage Officers to contact MMIA Liaison Officers at Bari and Naples, and HQ in Rome, to arrange disposal of Italian vehicles and other material, in accordance with the procedure laid down in above quoted letter.

3. It should be pointed out that any material, not necessarily Italian, that is in our Depots and not required by British Services, is available for re-issue to MMIA at the request of their Liaison Officers, or on presentation by an Italian Army Unit of a Demand certified by MMIA. Instructions to this effect will be issued to all Sa.C. Salvage Depots.

4. Receipts will be obtained for all material issued, with an extra copy required for Financial Adviser. Further details of procedure to be used in recording these transactions will be issued later.

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H.F.C. Galloway

T.F.A. GALLOWAY, Major,
D.A.D. Salvage, for Colonel,
Deputy Director of Salvage.

TPaC/Mc.

Copy to:- MMIA.

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SUBJECT: Italian Gen Tpt Coys.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
SIL/6/2
7th Oct 44

TO : AAI (2).

Copy to: G
GT

In reply to your 1605/50/14/G(AI) of 6 Oct

1. This HQ is NOT in favour of utilizing any tpt unit in one of the Italian Combat Groups, even as a temp measure, except as a last resort. These Groups, even Nos 5 and 6, are reorganising so as to be fit for combat by the respective target dates given.

2. Drivers in Combat Groups all require additional trg and with that end in view local schools have been formed within the Groups for the purpose of trg sufficient dvrs to complete the Gruppi programme.

3. Arrangements for trg dvrs for service units exist at POLIGNANO Driving School under 3 Dist and the Naples Driving School under PBS as well as several small schools and beginners classes run by the Italian Army.

4. As you say in your letter under reply, provided the necessary Allied and Italian instructor personnel and a scale of trg vehs are made available, there should be no difficulty in increasing the output of the schools mentioned in para 3. For example, Poligniano Driving School is at present producing 160 dvrs per month and there is no reason why, in a short time, an extra 75% should not be added to this figure.

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Major General
M M I A

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

AQ 15 163

DATE TIME

081125 A

From: MMIA

To: FREEDOM

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AQ 1987

FOR GEORGE THREE ORG (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN(.)

DRAFT INSTRUCTION ON CONTROL ITALIAN ARMY MOTOR TRANSPORT

WAS PASSED YOU FROM GEORGE FOUR AMERICAN AFTER DISCUSSION

WITH GEORGE FIVE AND QAE ON FIRST OCT (.) IF APPROVED

REQUEST DRAFT BE RETURNED MMIA FOR ACTION (.) ITALIAN

TPT IS BECOMING CHAOTIC AND CONTROL IS URGENTLY NEEDED

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162/1

Subject: Salvaged ITALIAN Vehicles and Material

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/5
7 October 1944

TO : AFHQ

156/1

Ref your AFHQ/36/27/SAL/5 dated 28 Sept 44.

1. Salvaged Italian Army vehicles are urgently required both for repair, and recovery of spare parts, and any help to recover such vehicles will affect materially the amount of Allied tpt we have to use. Similarly any recovered items of Italian equipment can be put to use.

2. MMIA Liaison Officers at BARI and NAPLES are given below:-

BARI -- Maj RUSSELL - HQ No. 2 District - Tel 11458

NAPLES - Maj SMITH - 122 Via ROMA - Tel 53621

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3. All arrangements for the collection of salvaged vehicles and equipment from the Salvage Depots at ALTAMURA (BARI) and TORRE ANNUNZIATA (NAPLES) will be co-ordinated with the Italian Military authorities by Maj RUSSELL and Maj SMITH respectively, and from Salvage depots near ROME by HQ MMIA upon the request of your Salvage Officers.

4. The Ministry of War will issue orders to 8, 9, and 10 AUTHORITY Regts at ROME, BARI and NAPLES respectively to inspect and recover vehicles and materials from Salvage Depots, on receipt of detailed orders from HQ MMIA or MMIA LOs at BARI, NAPLES and ROME.

F. J. Noakes

F. J. NOAKES, Lt Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

JGB/wk

Copy to: MMIA LO NAPLES) who will report all vehs
MMIA LO No. 2 District) & eqpt collected under
ORB MMIA above arrangement.
Ministry of War (for action ref para 4)
AF (with copies of lists att to AFHQ
letter 36/27/SAL/5 dated 28 Sep 44)

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M.M.I.A.	
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TO (FOR ACTION) MMIA

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TO (FOR INFORMATION) AAI, ACC SARDINIA, PBS

(REF. No.) FX34956 (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) SECRET

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CITE FHGDM FHTPN

REF YOUR AO 19643 DATED 3 OCT.

RAF VEHICLES WERE LIFTED IN PRIORITY LIST 7. SARDINIAN 1760
BERTHS AT PRESENT OCCUPIED BY STORES SHIPS BUT WILL ARRANGE
MT LOADERS FIRST OPPORUTNITY.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Subject: Italian Fiats in Mid-East. TEL. NO. FREEDOM 296

AFHQ/8070/1/Q(AE)

6 Oct. 44

H.Q.,
M.M.I.A. 1/

1. There are some 189 Fiat Trucks in M.E. All are in need of repair, in some cases major overhauls. If these trucks can be repaired they could be used to supplement WD trucks now being supplied to ACC. ACC have no spares or Workshop facilities to carry out this work.

2. Can you please state if the Italian Army are in a position to undertake their repair.

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JJS/DX.

J.C. COWLEY, Brigadier,
for Major General, G-4 (B).

R/W

Gen Alberti entirely agrees this cannot be done. So as 8!

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See folio 168
+ 179

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Subject: Movement of ITALIAN Army Tpt and MT Stores from SARDINIA to NAPLES.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/5

To: A.F.H.Q. 159 5 Oct 44

Further to my Signal AQ 1964 of 3 Oct.

1. I att at Appx 'A' and 'B' full details of the ITALIAN Army MT vehs and stores which are available in SARDINIA at CAGLIARI for immediate shipment to NAPLES for use by the ITALIAN Army. Appendix 'A' also shows the breakdown of the vehs now ready into five shipments in order of priority. Further quantities are being repaired in SARDINIA and will be available in due course. 1758

2. The Italian Army transport on the Mainland is fast coming to the point when it will be unable to carry out its task of maintaining the Italian Army for the benefit of the Allies. Unless rapid action is taken to bring in this "New Blood" from SARDINIA, I forsee that, not only shall I be unable to relieve Allied tpt already fully committed, which is now being used, but also, that I shall be forced to make further heavy demands thereon.

3. I request that suitable shipping be allotted now to complete these lifts.

Major General.
M. M. I. A.

FJN/hh

Copy to: Main HQ AAI
Allied Garrison Cond for Col.Simmons (3 copies)
MMIA LO NAPLES
ST MMIA

See folio 166 & 160/1

Appx 'A' to MMIA letter
AQ/5 dated 5 Oct 44

ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES AND SPARE PARTS READY FOR SHIPMENT FROM CAGLIARI

Serial No.	Type of Vehicle	STOCK	SHIPMENTS					
		As at 27 Sept	1st shipment	2nd shipment	3rd shipment	4th shipment	5th shipment	
1	SPA.L.39(10 cwt)	88	30	30	28	-	-	88
2	SPA 38/R (3 ton)	35	10	10	10	5	-	35
3	SPA 25 C/10 (30 cwt)	13	10	-	-	3	-	13
4	SEC.DEV.SPA 35 (2 tons)	25	10	10	5	-	-	25
5	AUTOCAMIONCINI (4-5 cwt)	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
6	FIAT 618 (2 tons)	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
7	FIAT 621 (3 tons)	10	-	10	-	-	-	1757
8	FIAT 626 (4 tons)	71	30	30	11	-	-	71
9	O.M. (3 tons)	32	-	-	-	15	17	32
10	BIANCHI (3 tons)	31	-	5	16	10	-	31
11	LANCIA (6 tons)	20	-	-	-	10	10	20
12	ALFA ROMEO (6 tons)	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
13	ISOTTA FRASCH (6 tons)	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
14	MOTORCYCLES	102	102	-	-	-	-	102
15	MOTORTRICYCLES (2 cwt)	9	-	9	See	Note	(b)	9
16	COMBINATIONS M/c	4	-	4	-	-	-	4
17	TRACTORS with Winches	141	10	5	30	50	46	141
18	TRAILERS (3 - 4 tons)	27	-	-	-	7	20	27

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7	FIAT 621 (3 tons)	10	-	10	-	-	-	10
8	FIAT 626 (4 tons)	71	30	30	11	-	-	71
9	O.M. (3 tons)	32	-	-	-	15	17	32
10	BIANCHI (3 tons)	31	-	5	16	10	-	31
11	LANCIA (6 tons)	20	-	-	-	10	10	20
12	ALFA ROMEO (6 tons)	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
13	ISOTTA FRASCH (6 tons)	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
14	MOTORCYCLES	102	102	-	-	-	-	102
15	MOTORTRICYCLES (2 cwt)	9	-	9	See	Note	(b)	9
16	COMBINATIONS M/c	4	-	4	-	-	-	4
17	TRACTORS with Winches	141	10	5	30	50	46	141
18	TRAILERS (3 - 4 tons)	27	-	-	-	7	20	27
19	AUTOCARRETTE O.M.	3	-	-	-	3	-	3
20	BUSES (20 str)	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
21	CHEVRIOLET	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
22	MACHINERY WAGON	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
23	T O T A L	622	100 + Ser. 14.	100 + Sers. 15 & 16.	100	104	103	622

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NOTES : (a) It is estimated that further vehicles at the rate of 100 per week will be ready for shipment during the period 1 Oct - 21 Nov 44.

(b) Serials 14, 15, & 16 will be loaded on to trucks for shipment.

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Appx 'B' to MMIA letter
AQ/5 dated 5 Oct 44

ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES AND SPARE PARTS

READY FOR SHIPMENT FROM CAGLIARI

SPARE PARTS Etc.

Date ready for Shipment	No. of Cases	Weight in tons	Type of Commodity	REMARKS
7 Oct	100	10	Spares	
14 Oct	300	30	Spares	
21 Oct	300	30	Spares	
30 Oct	400	40	Spares	
-	-	200	Spares	For shipment when cases have been made
-	-	6	Tools	Not yet ready for shipment

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Subject:- Engine Oil for Italian Army Vehicles.

F/82

3 Oct 44.

Military Mission Italian Army, ROME.
tel: Rome 489661 Ext 326.

To : Pet Sec AFHQ BARI.

Copies : Direz. Gen. Della Motorizzazione.
Ministry of War (in reply to your 19669/23/G/7 of 1 Oct 44.)
"A" MMIA.

1. Reference MI/52/4 dated 22 Sep 44 from this Mn to Italian War Ministry copy to you. 1755

2. War Ministry have tables request (in letter quoted above) that the percentage of Engine Oil be fixed at least at 4% instead of 3% in view of the generally deteriorating condition of their vehicles and consequent high oil consumption.

3. As such a higher basis of allocation might be a good investment in prolonging the running life of many of the vehicles concerned. Are you prepared to approve it?

(O.C. PAPINEAU)
Major RASC.
for Lt. Col.
ADJT, MMIA.

GGP/S221

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AQ 5 (159)

SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

03 1515 A

From: MMIA

To: FREEDOM

Rpt MAIN AAI - AGO Sardinia FOR SIMMONS - PBS for MMIA

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AQ 1964 CONFIDENTIAL

SIX HUNDRED ITALIAN ARMY VEHS NOW WAITING M T SHIP FROM SARDINIA TO NAPLES (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN (.) UNDERSTAND PREVIOUS SHIPS EARMARKED FOR THIS LIFT WERE DIVERTED TO RAF USE BY FREEDOM (.) UNLESS ITALIAN MT CAN BE MOVED FROM SARDINIA AN INCREASING DEMAND FOR ALLIED TRANSPORT ON MAINLAND IS INEVITABLE (.) FULL DETAILS ALL VEHS AND SPARE PARTS AWAITING SHIPMENT FORWARDED MAIL TODAY

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PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED F J Noam Lt Col

See folio 161

2 Oct 44

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To:- MMIA

From:- MMIA LO, FOLGORE

1. AQ 5. 5 10

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Subject - Census returns

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1. Ref your AQ5 of 28 Sep 44 to AAI
2. Vehs and/or controlled stores issued to CIL or to NEMBO direct while under comd EIGHTH ARMY were not made as loans. They were issued through Italian Liaison by FOLGORE, 10 Corps and 5 Corps.
3. In practice it would now be impossible to return vehs and stores to fmn issuing. As issues were made only in cases of urgent operational necessity and often direct to units or subordinate fmns it would prove very difficult to obtain a correct return
4. As all issues made to NEMBO and S MARCO were made while under comd CIL these will be included in CIL returns.
5. A census retrun for FOLGORE vehs and stores would have to be made as from date of forming, 24 Sep 44.
6. For your infm I attach FOLGORE veh state for 30 Sep 44.

J. A. Philips
Capt.

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direct while under comd [illegible]

They were issued through Italian Liaison by POLCORPS, 10 Corps and 5 Corps.

3. In practice it would now be impossible to return vehs and stores to fmn issuing. As issues were made only in cases of urgent operational necessity and often direct to units or subordinate fmns it would prove very difficult to obtain a correct return

4. As all issues made to NEMBO and S MARCO were made while under comd CIL these will be included in CIL returns.

5. A census retrun for POLCORE vehs and stores would have to be made as from date of forming, 24 Sep 44.

6. For your infm I attach POLCORE veh state for 30 Sep 44.

J. A. Philips
Lt-Col
for

Copy to :-
MMIA LO, LEGHANO

A/Q to see Cpl Smith

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AUTOMOTOMEZZI IN CARICO AL GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "F O

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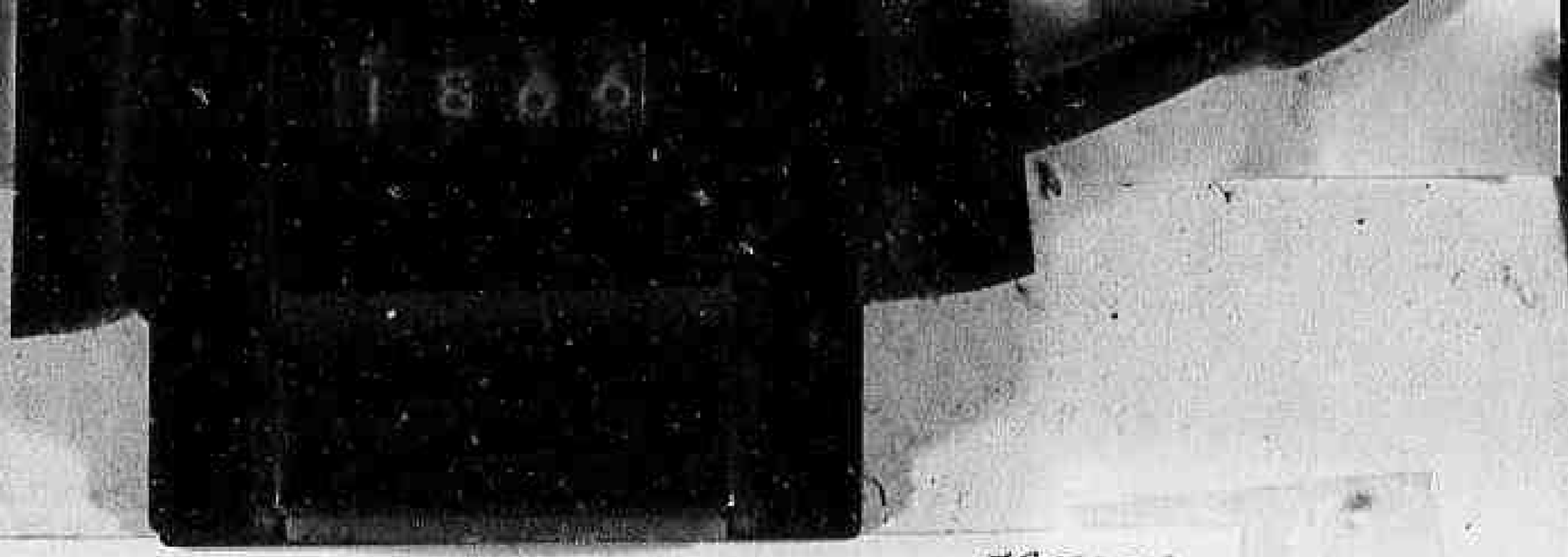
N.B. - E' escluso il CLXVI gruppo.-



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MOTOMEZZI IN CARICO AL GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO " F O L G O R E "

A BENZINA																A GASOLIO					
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

AFHQ/36/27/SAL/5,

28 Sep 44.

FREEDOM 806.

H.Q.,
M.M.I.A.,
C.M.F.

AQ 5- 1 10 44

SUBJECT :- Salvaged Captured Vehicles & Material.

1. It is understood that you are interested in the above vehicles, either for repair or recovery of spare parts.

2. A.D. Salvage, H.Q., A.A.I., was recently making arrangements for you to have those held in our Depots, inspected.

3. Attached find list of vehicles at present held in our Depots at Torre Annunziata (Naples), and Adelfia (Bari). It would be of great assistance if early inspection could be arranged and this office notified of any vehicles you require.

4. There are also certain other items of Italian Army Origin at Torre Annunziata, and perhaps a decision could be reached regarding these at the same time.

5. Particulars of any of your officers that could be contacted locally in Naples or Bari would be appreciated, as it is desired to arrange a regular system of inspection and disposal.

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T.P.A. GALLOWAY, Major,
D.A.D. Salvage, for Colonel,
Deputy Director of Salvage.

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TPAG/CAM.

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CAPTURED VEHICLE RETURN.

Location: TORRE ANNUNZIATA. Week Ending 16th Sept.44.

Serial No.	Engine or Car No.	Make.	Description.	Remarks.
1.	W.D.No.L592	FIAT	9 h.p. Saldon.	No wheels, otherwise complete.
2.	2800-000222	FIAT	6-seater Saloon.	Condition Good.
3.	18-300589	SPA	Staff Car.	No front wheels; Engine complete.
4.	18-300689	SPA	30 cwt. 4 x 4.	One front wheel missing; no radiator.
5.	42HR 2483	OPEL BLITZ	3 ton, type 6700.	No wheels; engine incomplete; Condition bad.
6.	43BR 2486	OPEL BLITZ	3 ton.	As above condition.
7.	41-1802	OPEL BLITZ	12 cwt. van.	As above condition.
8.	3006625824	DAIMLER BENZ	3 ton, type L3000	As above condition.
9.	42BR 4959	OPEL BLITZ	3 ton.	As above condition.
10.	1563	BERLIET	5 ton, type MPB3E	No front wheels; engine incomplete.
11.	1086-259631	FIAT	4-seater saloon.	No wheels; no radiator; engine incomplete.
12.	92014	BUSSING NAG	5 ton Diesel lorry.	Engine incomplete; condition fair.
13.	018534	SPA	3 ton. 38 R.	No wheels; engine incomplete; condition poor.
14.	- - -	German	Staff Car.	As above condition.

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CAPTURED ENEMY MOTOR-CYCLES.

Make & Type.	Engine No.	Condition.	Total No.
Italian.	- - -	Non-runner.	2

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8.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] 3 ton, type [illegible]	As above condition.
9.	42RR 4959	OPEL BLITZ	3 ton.	As above condition.
10.	1563	BERLIET	5 ton, type MPB3E	No front wheels; engine incomplete.
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Make & Type.	Engine No.	Condition.	Total No.
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German.	- - -	Non-runner; no wheels.	2
Italian M/C trailer	- - -	No wheels.	1

Lieut., R.A.,
Commanding "B" Vehicle Disposal Unit.

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Italian, German and Unidentified Vehicles in Base Salvage Depo

Week - ending 26 August 44.

Serial.	Origin.	Make.	Type.	Engine No.	Chassis No.	Registration No.
1.	Italian.	Bianchi.	Diesel.	600633721.	9350.	-
2.	"	Bianchi.	Diesel.	606344609.	10233.	-
3.	"	Bianchi.	Diesel.	-	4066344573.	-
4.	"	Bianchi.	M.K.	-	-	-
5.	"	O.M.	Petrol.	21517	-	R.E.153789.
6.	"	Ansaldo.	Petrol.	11213	-	-
7.	"	Spa.	M.K.	-	-	E. 134996.
8.	German.	Diesel.	Diesel.	-	-	-
9.	Unidentified	M.K.	Petrol.	-	-	-
10.	"	M.K.	Petrol.	-	-	-
11.	"	M.K.	Petrol.	430934.	-	-
12.	"	M.K.	M.K.	-	-	370981.

Distribution:- Assistant Director of Salvage, H.Q., A.A.I. (1)
File 7818. (1)
D.C. (1)

Your 7793/3A1/76 dated 25
refers.

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...n and Unidentified Vehicles in Base Salvage Depot, Adelfia.

Week - ending 26 August 44.

Engine No.	Chassis No.	Registration No.	Condition.
600633721.	9350.	-	No wheels, cylinder head missing, poor condition.
60634609.	10233.	-	Engine. No wheels, fair body.
-	40663457O.	-	No wheels. Body poor.
-	-	-	Engine bad. Good body.
2517	-	R.E.153789.	Engine fair, no wheels, no body.
11213	-	-	Engine and gear box only, no cylinder head.
-	-	E. 134996.	Chassis only.
-	-	-	No engine, no wheels, condition poor.
-	-	-	No engine, no wheels, good body.
-	-	-	Burnt out.
150994.	-	-	No wheels, burnt out chassis, condition bad.
-	-	370981.	No engine, no body, condition poor.

...A.A.I. (1) ...our 7798/3AI/76 dated 26 Aug 44 refers.

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...Major,
D.A.D. Salvage.

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Subject:- Census Returns

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
tel: Rome 489081 EXT 526.

28 Sep 44.

AQ/5

To: HQ, AAI.

Copies: Q(AE) AFHQ.
'A', 'B', 'C', & 'D' BLUs.

Reference your 3333/3/Q(AE) of 12 Sep and 23 Sep respectively.

1. The D.A.Ds.O.S. on the W.E. of the BLUs attached to the Italian Combat Groups now forming, will be responsible to submit direct to AFHQ all census returns, etc., required in respect of British vehicles and controlled stores issued to Combat Groups in the same manner as A.Ds.O.S. formations and areas.
Please see AFHQ/Q(AE) Adm Instruction No. 3 dated 17 Sep 1944. Reference is AFHQ/6017/Q(AE).

2. In regard to British vehicles and/or controlled stores properly held against authorized war establishments by Italianized units having British cadres, it is presumed that the Os.C. such cadres are responsible for the preparation and submission through normal channels of all required census returns; etc, and that no distinction in procedure need be drawn between such units vis a vis other British units.
There would not appear to be any necessity to alter existing procedure by introducing MMIA into the picture.

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3. In regard to British vehicles and/or controlled stores which have been issued on loan to forward Italian units by formation commanders and, possibly, to rearward Italian units by District commanders, it is pointed out that such issues must constitute loans, since they are not held against authorized war establishments, and should be returned when the operational needs giving rise to the loans, cease.
As loans, such vehicles and/or controlled stores presumably remain on charge to the British unit/s or depot/s which lent them and should therefore be included in those units' or depots' census returns, etc.
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In any event it would be quite impracticable to refer to MMIA responsibility for submission of census returns, etc, in respect of such loaned equipments, as this HQ has no knowledge of any such transactions, and changes would occur with such frequency that any returns submitted by MMIA would be quite valueless.

B L General.

Lt. Col.
for Major General.
Military Mission Italian Army.

BLP/JMD

Internal:- Special Section (Major Head) for S/Q/29/2.

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3. May these terms of reference please be considered and be approved or modified as thought necessary by the Staff.

4. The following proposals are made as regards implementation of the above terms of reference. -

a. Existing A/Q and S/T files on Italian Army Transport and POL be closed wef a date to be determined, but retained for reference.

All future inward papers to be marked in accordance with subject matter and posted to the appropriate T/file, in the list attached, for action by S/T.

Reasons

i Existing files have developed somewhat haphazardly and although much good work has been done, it has suffered by division of responsibility and lack of co-ordination.

ii The task has not been tackled previously on such ambitious lines. It is better, therefore, to plan the future in as co-ordinated manner and make a clear break with the past.

b. S&T Branch will execute all action. It will be the responsibility of S&T to:-

i Keep 'Q' Staff fully informed of developments.

ii Refer to 'Q' Staff for decision all matters of a policy nature.

iii In general to keep 'Q' Staff fully in the picture and secure Staff endorsement of action taken at all steges.

Reasons

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i The task ahead is complex and to a considerable degree technical. Close co-ordination is therefore essential and it is suggested best results will accrue if all action is executed by a single section.

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ii In this task S&T Branch will be acting as a Q(AS), Ord, G(SD) and 'Q' combination. The need for a single point of executive action is strengthened by this abnormal position.

iii It seems preferable that we on our side should talk thru' one channel to the War Ministry, where all M.T. matters are co-ordinated under one Directorate.

c. With regard to sections C and B of the attached file plan it is considered that all correspondence on workshop facilities, etc., should emanate from, and be contained in S&T files, although the creation of repair facilities and repairs to vehicles are strictly a REME responsibility.

S&T will be responsible to liaise closely with DADME, and avoid unilateral action infringing upon REME responsibilities.

Reasons

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3. c. (continued)

Reasons

i The necessity for close co-ordination of action.

ii The fact that DAIME, MMIA, is likely to be away from HQ much of the time, thus making it essential to provide for continued action based upon established agreed policy during such absences.

d. To establish as quickly as possible by research in existing files and by conference with appropriate M.T. Branches of the Ministry of War, the facts in regard to each of the main elements of the Italian Army M.T. problem as represented in the attached file plan.

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B.L. Percival

B.L.PERCIVAL.
Lt.Col, RASC,
A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A.

25 Sep. 1944.
BLP/dvw

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ITALIAN ARMY MOTOR TRANSPORT/FILES

A. General.

T/1 Italian Army Motor Transport General Policy.

T/2 Organisation of War Ministry and Regional Motor Transport Directorates.

T/3 Organisation of MMIA Transport Office.

T/4 Operation of Vehicle Census October 1944.

T/5 Operation of MMIA Vehicle Card Index System.

T/6 Operation of Windshield Label Control Scheme.

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T/6 Operation of Windshield Label Control Scheme.

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ITALIAN ARMY MOTOR TRANSPORT/FILES

B. Runners.

T/21 Non-Workshop Units' Monthly Vehicle Strength Returns.

T/22 Organisation and Location of Runner Reserve Parks.

T/23 Runner Reserve Parks' Monthly Vehicle Strength Returns.

T/24 'Spot' Requests and Issues of Vehicles.

T/25 Screening of Units' Vehicle Strengths.

T/26 Orders for Return to Park of Runners Decreed Surplus.

T/27 Orders for Issues of Vehicles in Replacement of Evacuated Vehicles.

T/28 Organisation and Operation of Italian G.T. Coys. (i.e. working for Allies).

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T/29 Organisation and Location of Italian Artieri Companies (i.e. working for Italian Army).

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ITALIAN ARMY MOTOR TRANSPORT/FILES

C. Location of Light and Medium Workshops for Servicing Italian Army Motor Transport.

T/41 Organisation and Location of Light and Medium Workshops Units.

T/42 Light and Medium Workshops Monthly Operating Returns.

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ITALIAN ARMY MOTOR TRANSPORT/FILES

D. Location of Heavy Workshops for Servicing Italian Army Motor Transport and Affiliated Non Runner Parks.

T/51 Organisation and Location of Heavy Workshop Units & Associated Non Runner Parks.

T/52 Heavy Workshops Monthly Operating Returns (Including Non-Runner Parks' Vehicle Strength Returns).

T/53 Location Surveys of Abandoned Vehicles, and Requests and Instructions for Evacuation of Vehicles.

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ITALIAN ARMY MOTOR TRANSPORT/FILES

E. Spare Parts and Reduction to Produce.

T/61 Organisation and Location of Spare Parts Stores.

T/62 Spare Parts Stores Monthly Stock Returns.

T/63 Requests and Issues of Controlled Spare Parts.

T/64 Requests and Instructions for Reduction to Produce.

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ITALIAN ARMY MOTOR TRANSPORT/FILES

F. Tyres and Tubes.

T/71 Organisation and Location of Tyres and Tubes Stores.

T/72 Tyres and Tubes Monthly Stock Returns.

T/73 Requests and Issues of Tyres and Tubes.

T/74 Tyres and Tubes Repair Materials.

T/75 Organisation of Tyres Reconstitution.

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T/81 Organisation and Agencies for POL Supply to Italian Army.

T/82 Monthly Bids and Authorisations (War Ministry - MMIA - Pet Sec AAI)

T/83 'Spot' Transactions on POL.

T/84 Brake Fluid.

T/85 Unfreezable Oil (For Armaments).

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H. Supply of Drivers.

T/91 Organisation and Location of Driver Training and Holding Companies.

T/92 Requests and Issues of Drivers

T/93 Driver Training and Propaganda

T/94 Polignano Driving School

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ITALIAN ARMY MOTOR TRANSPORT/FILES

J. Miscellaneous.

T/101 Ambulances.

T/102 Specialised and Technical Vehicles.

T/103 Motor Transport Literature and Handbooks.

T/104 Anti-Frost Precautions.

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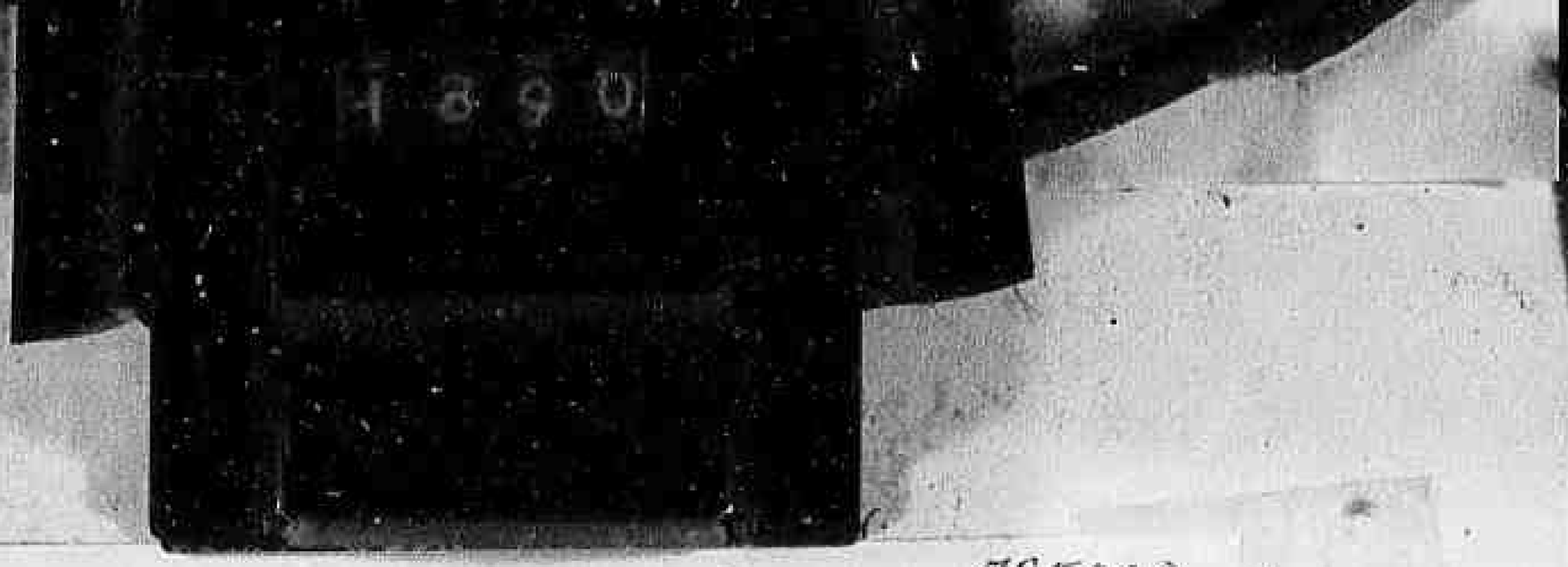

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Subject:- Provision of Vehicles for Mine Clearance

Military Mission Italian Army
ROME
MD/4
23 Nov 44.

AG/5

Ministry of War
copy Administrative Sec MI ACC (with translation of previous correspondence)

Ref your 30116S /CA dated 22 Sep 44.
320-1-4

The clearance of minefields in Rear Areas is NOT an Italian Army responsibility and therefore authority for the provision of transport from Italian Army sources for this task cannot be granted.

The Administrative Section MI ACC is arranging for the provision of the necessary transport from civilian sources, and it is requested that you will correspond with this Section in the future.

Maj Gen
Military Mission Italian Army

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AQ/5 2nd Ind. REP/wk
ARMY SUB-COMMISSION (MMIA), APO 394, U. S. Army, 11 September 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464, U. S. Army.

Forwarded.

REX E. PINKLEY, Major,
for Major General,
Army Sub Commission MMIA.

Re: Italian Vehicle markings.

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SUBJECT: Italian Vehicle Markings.

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
AQ/5
10 September 1944.

TO : MMIA LO 5th Army.

1. Following in quote from AAI letter dated 9 September, "The Fifth Army is authorized to paint its Italian vehicles in conformity with regulations applying to other units of the Fifth Army.

REP

REX E. PINKLEY, Major
for Major General
Army Sub Commission MMIA.

Copy to H/W
REP/eg

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Subject: British Vehicles on Loan to Italian Units.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/5

9 Sep 44

H.Q., A.A.I.

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Ref your 5012/1/A(PS) dated 23 Aug 44.

The veh in question, Fordson 15 cwt. WD No.715699 was loaned to IFA HQ on Authority of G(SB 3) Eighth Army, to meet the minimum requirements of Italian HQ under command.

JB/hh

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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Subject: Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/5

7 Sep 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

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Ref your 14997 dated 23 July 44.

1. There is no objection to the Ministry of War employing civilian firms to recover Italian Army Vehicles, in the rear of Army boundaries.

2. The employment of civilians for this purpose within Army areas, is not agreed.

3. It is suggested that the recovery of Italian Army vehicles within Army areas should be done by the Italian Army in the Army areas. The vehicles could then be evacuated to rear of Army boundaries, and handed over to civilian firms for further action.

1/52

JB/hh

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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FROM: MAIN AAI

For Action

DISTONE

TO: (W) For Information (INFO)

8 ARMY. MMIA. FREEDON

Originator's No: Q(AE) 6553

X SECRET ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~(.) Ref move CIL (.) All carriers on loan to NEMBO and UTILL will be handed in to 18 Vehicle Park under your arrangements

Distribution:- Sigs
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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except } WIRELESS

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Originator's Instructions Important

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MMIA for QUR ( )

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M.M.I.A.	
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Date Recd	

FROM: A.A.I

ACTION TO: AFHQ

INFO TO: MMIA ROME

ORIG NO: Q1415

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attached

FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE 64 GRN MMIA.O MESSAGE DATED 5 SEP AND ADDRESSED MMIA ROME FOR ACTION DISTHREE AND THIS HQ FOR INFORMATION (.) BEGINS (.) FOR KERR FROM NOAKES 24 WORKING LORRIES LOANED BY DISTHREE (.) WE CAN MANAGE TILL 11 SEP if 12 WATER TRUCKS PRODUCED (.) WE CAN MANAGE TILL 8 SEP WITHOUT WATER TRUCKS (.) NO OIL CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER ABOVE DATES UNLESS DISTHREE LOAN TRANSPORT (.) SIX BY THREE TON LORRIES REQUIRED EVERY OTHER DAY

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Col. Staff

File:- 1029/76/Q1

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OSP 2715 Army Sic 4565

LRKB V LRLC NR53 IMMEDIATE QVR 1
FROM 64 GRN FROM GREGSON 05-1530
TO ØMMIA ROME
INFO DISTHREE : DISTHREE FOR MMIALO
64 GRN. : AAI FOR QUEEN

QQY GR 30 BT

CONFIDENTIAL (.) FOR K E R R FROM N O A K E S (.)
DISTHREE HAVE IN FACT LOANED TWENTY FOUR WORKING LORRIES (.)
IF THE TWELVE WATER TRUCKS NOW PROMISED ARE PRODUCED WE CAN
MANAGE UNTIL ELEVEN SEPTEMBER (.) IF WATER TRUCKS ARE NOT
AVAILABLE WE CAN MANAGE UNTIL EIGHT SEPTEMBER (.) ON THIS BASIS
WE CAN N O T REPEAT N O T ACCEPT ANY C I L AFTER ABOVE
DATES UNLESS DISTHREE CAN LOAN THE TRANSPORT (.) THRITY// THIRTY
THREE TON RUNNERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AT RATE
OF SIX LORRIES EVERY Ø OTHER DAY

To 1729

BT 05-1530
SENT NR53 05-2034B EU AR TKS K
RCD NR53 05-2034D HRA AR

(1)

Seen WP
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Subject:- Italian Army Transport in CALABRIA

Army Sub Commission MMIA
HQ A.C.C.
R O M E.
AQ/5

6 Sep 44

Ministry of War

The existing commitments in CALABRIA regarding the loan of Italian Army vehicles are unchanged.

F.J.Noakes

F.J.NOAKES Lt Col
for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
(MMIA).

JGB/jrp

Copy to:- HQ AAI (your 1036/11/Q1 dated 31 Aug 44 refers)
HQ No.3 District (your 482 Q dated 26 Aug 44 refers)

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SUBJECT:- Br Vehs on Loan to Italian Units.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/117

2 Sep 44

AQ 5 5-4 1944

Army Sub Commission, MMIA
H Q A C C ROME.

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Ref your AQ/5 of 25 Aug 44.

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1. Fordson 15 cwt. WD No. 715699 was given to I F A HQ in one of the releases by G (SD3), EIGHTH ARMY to I F A HQ.

2. Vehs so released are to meet the minimun requirements of Italian HQs under Allied Commands.

8/9 gp Received

Go Do mm M. Capt
Lt-Col. G.S.
MMIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

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Army Sec Gp
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
(Establishment Branch)

3 September 1944

ESTABLISHMENT MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 21)

A9
A9
ADS

REQUISITIONING AND REGISTRATION CIVILIAN VEHICLES

1. The purpose of this Establishment Memorandum is to amplify and clarify certain other subjects not covered in Establishment Memorandums 12 and 14 and changes thereto.

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2. Nothing contained in this Memorandum shall be construed to change or amend Establishment Memorandums referred to in paragraph one (1).

3. Return and Derequisitioning of Vehicles.

a. When a vehicle is returned to the owner, it will be considered derequisitioned after completion of the following:

(1) Two (2) copies of release certificate, attached as Appendix "A," must be signed by the owner.

(2) One (1) copy of release certificate, together with requisition originally issued to owner, is to be forwarded to G-4 (A), this Headquarters.

(3) Under no conditions will another vehicle be assigned the same Registration Certificate Number that was issued on vehicle being returned.

4. Transfer of Vehicles between Regions.

a. Requisitioned civilian

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4. Transfer of Vehicles between Regions.

a. Requisitioned civilian vehicles will not be transferred from one Region to another without the written approval of G-4 (A), this Headquarters.

b. Regional Commissioners desirous of transferring a vehicle from or to another Region will request same in writing to G-4 (A), stating the reasons for making such transfer. G-4 (A) will approve or disapprove and notify the Region concerned as soon as possible.

c. If approval is granted, the Region transferring the vehicle will not reassign another vehicle the same Registration Certificate Number issued on vehicle being transferred.

d. Records to accompany the transfer of the vehicle to the new Region will be a copy of the requisition covering the vehicle.

e. The Region transferring the vehicle will, before release, remove the Registration Certificate, mark it "Cancelled, Transferred to Region _____," and forward cancelled Certificate to G-4 (A).

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f. The Region receiving the vehicle will, immediately upon receipt of same, assign it a Registration Certificate Number and notify the former Region and G-4 (A), this Headquarters, of the new number.

g. Civilian drivers will not accompany vehicles being transferred.

5. Stolen Vehicles.

a. When a vehicle is stolen, the following will govern:

(1) All police authorities in the Region concerned will be notified of the theft and every effort will be made to retrieve the vehicle.

(2) A complete report in triplicate will be sent to G-4 (A), setting forth all the circumstances involving the loss of the vehicle.

(3) No reassignment of Registration Certificate Number will be made. (Paragraph 4c refers.)

6. Accidents.

a. When a vehicle is involved in an accident, an accident report shall be rendered G-4 (A), as outlined in paragraph 5a(2) above.

b. If in the opinion of the Regional Transportation Officer a vehicle is damaged beyond economical repair, a certificate, attached as Appendix "B," will be rendered G-4 (A), together with a report, as outlined in 6a above.

c. In accidents resulting in injury of personnel, military or otherwise, the U. S. Accident Form 26 will be made out and forwarded this Headquarters, followed by a Report of Investigation covering the accident.

7. Scrapping of Vehicles.

a. When in the opinion of the Regional Transportation Officer a vehicle is beyond economical repairs and parts from it can be utilized advantageously to repair other vehicles, he will submit to G-4 (A) a certificate attached as Appendix "B" along with the Registration Certificate for the vehicle.

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b. Where parts of a vehicle which is beyond economical repair are not needed to repair other vehicles, owners of such vehicles should be notified, and, whenever possible, vehicles returned to them in accordance with paragraph 3 above.

c. No reassignment of Registration Certificate Number will be made. (Paragraph 4c refers.)

8. Channels of Communications.

a. Regional Commissioners will instruct Provincial Commissioners to take up any questions involving civilian requisitioned cars through the proper channels, to the Regional Transportation Officer and not directly to G-4 (A), this Headquarters.

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9. Regional Transportation Officer.

a. Regional Commissioners are requested to forward to G-4 (A), this Headquarters, the full name, rank, and serial number of the Regional Transportation Officer in their respective Region, and of any newly appointed RTO's in the future.

10. Regional Requisitioning Officer.

a. Regional Requisitioning Officers are the only officers authorized in Regions to sign formal Requisition Forms. It is their responsibility to control all Requisitioning within their respective Regions.

b. If a change in Requisitioning Officers occurs, it will be reported to G-4 (A), accompanied by name, rank, and serial number and four samples of the signature of the newly appointed Requisitioning Officer.

11. Reproduction of Appendices "A" and "B" and "Forms for Requisitioning."

a. Permission is granted to the Regions to reproduce Appendices "A" and "B"; however, "Form for Requisitioning" will not be reproduced. An ample supply of standard U. S. Army Requisitioning Forms is on hand and will be dispatched to Regions promptly after receipt of request for same from Regional Requisitioning Officer.

12. Civilian Vehicles Not to Be Requisitioned.

a. For the information and guidance of all concerned vehicles belonging in the categories listed below will not be requisitioned:

Doctors	Italian Government
Nurses	Bankers
Food Distribution	Vatican City
Italian Army	Diplomatic Corps
Public Utilities	Italian Navy and Air Forces
State Railway	

Vehicles bearing the official Italian Motor Vehicle Circulation

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13. Monthly Returns.

a. A monthly return in duplicate as of 2400 hours on the last day of each month will be rendered G-4 (A), this Headquarters, as shown below:

ACC NO.	MAKE	ITALIAN LICENSE NO.	MOTOR NO.	CHASSIS NO.	ASSIGNED TO

b. All vehicles will be recorded regardless of having been scrapped, derequisitioned, or stolen.

c. Report to reach G-4 (A) not later than the 6th day of each month.

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Establishment Memorandum No. 21, Hq ACC, dated 3 Sept 1944. (Cont.)

14. Official Use of ACC Civilian Vehicles.

a. The use of ACC civilian requisitioned vehicles will be restricted to circulation necessary to carry out the functions of the Sub-Commission, Branch or Division in connection with their ACC activities.

b. Civilian drivers will not be permitted to circulate in ACC vehicles after official duty hours unless on official business.

John J. Albright

JOHN. J. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry,
Establishment Officer,
For the Executive Commissioner.

DISTRIBUTION:

Group I - Dist. "C"
Group II - Dist. "A"
Group III - Dist. "B"
G-4 (4) - 25

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APPENDIX "A" to
Establishment Memorandum
Number 21, 3 September 1944

HEADQUARTERS REGION _____
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

_____
Date

RECEIPT FOR CIVILIAN VEHICLE

Received from Allied Control Commission the following described vehicle:

MAKE _____ OLD MT/ACC NO. _____

MODEL _____ NEW ACC NO. _____

CHASSIS NO. _____ LICENSE NO. _____

MOTOR NO. _____ YEAR _____

In consideration of return of above vehicle to me, I hereby release the Allied Control Commission, the United States Army, and the British Army from any claims whatsoever for use of above-mentioned vehicle in the military service.

Signature _____

Address _____

_____

WITNESSES (Officers)

Name	Rank	ASN
Name	Rank	ASN

NOTE: To be prepared in duplicate; original to G-4 (A) with copy of Requisition issued. Duplicate for record.

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APPENDIX "B" to
Establishment Memorandum
Number 21, 3 September 1944

HEADQUARTERS REGION _____
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

_____
Date

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that the following civilian vehicle has become unserviceable while being used by the military service, that repair parts are not available, and that it has been dismantled and the serviceable parts used or placed in stock to repair other civilian vehicles being utilized for military service. 1423

MAKE _____ LICENSE NO. _____

MODEL _____ OLD AMG/ACC NO. _____

YEAR _____ NEW ACC NO. _____

MOTOR NO. _____ REMARKS _____

CHASSIS NO. _____ _____

_____
(Name) (Rank:) (ASN) (Region) (Position)

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: AMTA

TO : FLS FOR AMTA LO

INFO: AAX

DTG: 230330Z AUG 45

SE/309 SECRET (.) REFER AGO SARDINIA SIGNAL CITE AGS I 2603 OF 29 AUG (.) SUBJECT IS VEHICLES FROM SARDINIA (.) ATTACH REGULATION OF SUBJECT VEHICLES AND THEIR REMOVAL PACK RACKS TO A SUITABLE VEHICLE TARING LOT (.) ALL RPT ALL THESE VEHICLES WILL BE HELD PENDING ALLOCATION BY THIS HQ

(1)	(2)	PRIORITY

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Copy to:- "G" AMTA
"A" AMTA

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SUBJECT:- Payment for Repairs to WD Vehicle

3 District
Ext 15
220 Q
Aug 44

Q 56 Area

AOC Army Sub Commission — NT.

Ref your 56A/717Q dated 27 Jul 44.

In view of the fact that the move of 145 Italian MA Guippo was made in accordance with orders issued by the Allied authorities and the convoy moved in Allied tpt which would have been repaired in a REME W/Shop had there been one available. It is considered that the payment of the bill should be made by No 8 Comd Pay Office.

AF P 1922 will be submitted by the unit to No 8 Comd Pay Office (in duplicate) quoting this letter as authority for the payment.

Ltr 2 7 5

Ltr 2 9 5

Chas E Z
Lt Col
DA & QMG
(C. FRASER)

CF/bdc

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SUBJECT:- Italian MT in CALABRIA

S E C R E T

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILOT 210

1036/11/Q1

31 Aug 44

Army Sub-Commission ACC

142 Ref folio 130

Reference 3 District letter 482 Q dated 26 Aug 44, copy to you.

1. The present plan for concentration of Italian troops in the NAPLES area will entail a considerable shortening of their L of C.

2. The refitting of the CIL with British equipment will throw up a considerable number of Italian and possibly American vehicles which, though not suitable for combat troops, are quite suitable for work on L of C.

3. It is considered that the Italian Army can still undertake the commitments in CALABRIA.

4. Will you therefore please have the necessary orders issued. 1720

5/9 [illegible] Agreed

Hugh McLean Lt Col
for
Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- No.3 District.

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Subject: Veh Markings - Italian Units.

Army Sub Commission(MMAI)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/5

30 Aug 44

H.Q.No.3 District
137/1

Ref your 25/G dated 21 Aug 44.

1. The purpose of the veh sign for Italian vehs is to enable Italians to identify British tpt driven by Italians, and for British Military Police to recognise Italian held British tpt. It has also been universally adopted by the Italians for all Italian tpt.

2. The veh sign is for ground recognition only, and is generally painted on the forward part of the offside wing of the veh, and on the rear of the veh.

3. A copy of the design is att. The veh sign is 19 proportionate to the size of veh.

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

JB/hh

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11. Translator

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Ro:

Divisione Sussistenze

NAO
FILE REF
Date 1 91

N 8765/1/3 prot. P. M. 107, li 29 agosto 1944

Risposta al foglio N AQ/5/1 del 20/8/44 Carte annesse

OGGETTO: trasporti automobilistici.-

Allied Transport

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO PER
L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C. ROMA

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Si trasmette copia del fonogramma n.8135/S. dell'8/8/1944, non pervenuto a codesta Sottocommissione.-

p. IL MINISTRO

Peelizza

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Roma, 8 agosto 1944.-

C O P I A

FONOGRAMMA A MANO

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C. ROMA

GUERRA COMMISSARIATO N.8135/SUSSISTENZE ALT CONSIDERATA LA MANCATA AUTO_
RIZZAZIONE AL TRASPORTO FERROVIARIO DEL VINO A ROMA VIRGOLA DOMANI L'AU_
TOTRENO TARGATO AQ/3336 E RELATIVO RIMORCHIO AQ/24 SI RECHERA' A LECCE
PER CARICO VINO OCCORRENTE PER IL PRESIDIO DI ROMA PUNTO PREGASI VOLER
RILASCIARE DETTO AUTOTRENO FOGLIO VIA ROMA - LECCE ET RITORNO PUNTO
PERSONALE CIVILE SCORTA EST COSTITUITO DA ISIDORI PASQUALE VIRGOLA CEN_
CIOTTI VINCENZO ET BERNARDI PAOLO PUNTO PROMINISTRO GUERRA PELLIGRA ALT

Per copia conforme

Il Direttore Capo Divisione ff.

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SUBJECT:- Italian y MT in CALABRIA

142

3 District
Ext 82
482 Q
26 Aug 44

Q AT

Army Sub Commission ACC
Q 56 Area
MMIA LO
ST

MMA A 1712
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Dec 28 8

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Ref attached copy of MMIA letter AQ/5 dated 14 Aug 44.

1. This has been discussed with HQ 56 Area who point out that their stores backloading programme is such that they can spare no tpt for this commitment, and further that any which can eventually be economised in SICILY is liable to be called forward by you and not left for this task.

2. HQ 3 District has no resources from which this tpt can be replaced.

3. a) In view of tpt now released to Italian Army (AQ/1834 of 24 Aug 44 from MMIA rptd AAI refers) it is considered that the commitment should continue to be one for the Italian Army.

b) May this be discussed with MMIA and should it then be agreed that they be released from any part of the commitment, may arrangements be made to augment 3 District resources in such a way as to permit of this being accepted.

Maj. Pinkney & Capt Newton have already talked to Capt McPhee (AAI G(AG) about this. He will call up Friday 15 Sept. 1731 in connection with British wheels.

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for Maj Gen
Comd
(S.A.H. GOODWIN)

RAMG/bak

3/8 Col. Kerr says as long as 3 Dist is helping on with FRANCI and CREMONA Rlys we will leave them and a/m trucks for timber, but recall them after Dec 1st for Ship.

VA

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Subject: British Vehs on loan to ITI Units.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/5

24 Aug 44

To: MMIA LO 8 Army.

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1. Herewith copy of AAI letter 5012/1/A(PS) of 23 Aug in answer to your MM/113/16 of 30 Jul. 119

2. Will you please provide the information required in order to answer para 4 of the AAI letter.

FJN/hh

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col. 1715
A.A. &. Q.M.G.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

See Folio 148

AQ/S/40/2

SUBJECT:- Vehicle Statistics.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY
MM/117

24 Aug 44

A F H Q
Pet. Sec.

[redacted] HQ AAI

1714

Reference your letter PET/20/1/1 dated 22 Aug 44.

1. Owing to the number of transfers of vehs between different commands, the difficulty of establishing the number of vehs on charge although not actually operating at the material dates, and the desirability of avoiding duplication, the compilation of the required figures is proving well nigh impossible.

Your additional requirement of breakdown between diesel and petrol burning vehs is an added complication. Further, when the Italians have finally succeeded in producing these figures, they will be quite uncheckable and their accuracy extremely doubtful.

2. S & T (Pet) EIGHTH ARMY point out that these statistics,

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2. S & T (Pet) EIGHTH ARMY point out that these statistics, made up to an arbitrary date once a month, are quite valueless as a basis for calculating the fuel used by the Italians. Moreover, such calculation is unnecessary, seeing that accurate figures of actual monthly issues of fuel to the Italians are supplied by them to S & T (Pet) AAI.

Seen by ADST

Lt-Col. G.S.
MMIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

Copy for S.T.
HQ. MMIA.

ADST

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RESTRICTED 137/1

SUBJECT:- Veh Markings - Italian Units

3 District
Ext 7
25/G

MMIA FILE REF. AZ 5 D 18

ARMY SUB COMMISSION ACC (MMIA) 21 Aug 44

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Ref AAI 1706/4/G(SD2) dated 18 Aug 44.

1. Will you please forward a copy of the design referred to.

2. Is the proposed sign to take the place of the white star painted on all Allied Vehs for purpose of recognition from the air or is it to correspond to the fmn sign painted on British vehs?

for Maj Gen
Comd

EJVW/RF

29/8 Answered

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See folio 143

25/8 Translate REF

M/b

MJM - A. A22
FILE REF /
Date Recd 25/8

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE

2ª DIVISIONE – 1ª SEZIONE

N. di prot. 16767 /Sk/21 ROMA *li* 23 AGO. 1944

Allegati nº 1 *Risp. al f.* *del*

OGGETTO: - situazione mezzi di trasporti automobilistici dell'Esercito Italiano.-

Monthly situation of Units of the Transport of Ital Army

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

= R O M A =

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Si trasmette copia dell'attergato n) 05/6840/Aut., in data 8 agosto c.a., del Comando Militare della Puglia e Lucania, con preghiera di comunicare se l'assegnazione disposta dal Comando Alleato con l'ordine in parola deve intendersi senz'altro esecutivα oppure se essα deve intendersi pur sempre subordinatα alla preventiva sanzione di codesta Sottocommissione, in conformità di quanto stabilito con il foglio nº AQ/5 del 26 luglio u.s.-

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p. IL MINISTRO

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M.M.I.A. - L.O. - HQ. Nº 2 DISTRICT
C. M. F.
Ref. :- M.F. - 84 lì, 2 agosto 1944

OGGETTO :-Scuola Addestramento Telegrafisti Francavilla Fontana.-

AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIA E LUCANIA

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1. - La Scuola è stata ispezionata il 31 luglio u.s. dal Magg. FLEMING S.O.R. Sigs. H.Q. M.M.I.A., e dal Magg. MURC-ELL M.M.I.A. L.O. H.Q. Nº 2 District

2. - E' stato constatato che il progresso è soddisfacente sia per l'insegnamento che per l'addestramento, 60 allievi sono pronti per l'utilizzazione quasi subito, si potrebbe migliorare tuttavia se si eliminassero alcuni inconvenienti.-

3.- La Scuola non ha veicoli di alcun tipo.- E poichè gli allievi devono percorrere ogni giorno a piedi una distanza di tre miglia per recarsi dalle baracche al terreno d'istruzione, si viene a perdere molto tempo che potrebbe essere invece dedicato all'addestramento.- La dotazione di un autocarro da tre tonnellate, per tale scopo e per il trasporto del materiale d'addestramento, verrebbe ad eliminare tale inconveniente.-

.....omesso.....

a) fornire un autocarro da tre tonnellate, per il trasporto del personale e dell'equipaggiamento;
b) fornire un mototricilo per i rifornimenti;
c) fornire una motocicletta per l'ufficiale comandante.-

.....omesso..... 1711

F/to: MURCELL Mayor

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COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA
Direzione Automobilistica

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AL COMANDO 9º RAGGRUPPAMENTO AUTIERI = B A R I =
e, per conoscenza:-
ALLO S.M.R.E.= UFF.SERVIZI - Sez. Auto - = R O M A =
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Dir.Gen.Motorizzazione = R O M A =
AL COMANDO GENIO LI CORPO D'ARMATA = P.M. 410 =
AL COMANDO SCUOLA ADDESTRAMENTO TELEGRAFISTI = FRANCAVILLA FONTANA =

.....perchè sia provveduto all'approntamento di:-

- un autocarro pesante;
- un mototriciclo;
- un motociclo

traendo da qualsiasi disponibilità.-

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I predetti mezzi, a riparazione avvenuta, siano ceduti alla Scuola Addestramento Telegrafisti di Francavilla Fontana.-

Cessione con passaggio di carico.-

Si gradirà conoscere subito:-

- tipo e targa dei mezzi;
- data presumibile di approntamento.-

d'ordine
IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
F/to: (Ten.Col. di S.M.Ugo Bianchi)

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA R. C. G.
1° Reparto - 1ª Sezione
(Ten. Colonnello di S.M.)

(G.)

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M.M.I.A. 20
FILE REF 5
Date Recd 24/8/44

SUBJECT:- British Vehicles on Loan to Italian Units.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Tel: FILPOT 223.

5012/1/A(PS).

23 Aug 44.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA).
HQ ACC, Rome.

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Ref your AQ/5 of 4 Aug 44.

1. The question of what accident report is required from drivers of the Italian Army is a matter of internal administration which does not concern the British Army.

2. The object of AFA 3681 is to enable the normal claims procedure to be followed and to some extent to ensure that disciplinary action is taken. No claim against the British Government could arise from an accident, as you mention.

3. The above has no reference to Italian drivers held on British WEs.

4. It is of interest to this HQ to know under what authority the vehicle was on loan to IFAHQ. Please forward detailed information relative thereto.

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Brigadier,
D.A.G.

JDP/IY.

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Subject:- Assignment of Vehicles

Army Sub Commission MMIA
HQ A.C.C.
R O M E.
AQ/5

23 Aug 44

Ministry of War

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Your ref 16462/Ra/21 dated 19 Aug 44.

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1. Our AQ/5 dated 21 August approving transfer of certain vehicles from the Military Command of Calabria to Delegazione 'A' (Artillery Directorate and Btg Alpini 'L'Aquila) is hereby cancelled.

2. Request for transfer of vehicles is not approved.

REP

Rex F Pinkley Maj
for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
(MMIA)

REP/jrp

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Subject:- Recovery of Italian Army Truck

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Army Sub Commission MMIA
HQ A.C.C.
R O M E.
AQ/6

22 Aug 44

Ministry of War

131/1

Your ref 16092/24/G dated 17 Aug 44.

1. You will make the necessary arrangements with the Municipio of EBOLI to recover not later than 22 Sept 44, the Italian Army truck, LANCIA 3/Ro, now being used by them.

2. As to the claim of the Municipio of EBOLI that the truck was assigned them by AMGOT, they will have to relinquish the truck to you in accordance with policy laid down by Higher Headquarters.

3. Inform this office when truck has been recovered.

REP

Rex E Pinkley Maj
for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
(MMIA)

REP/jrp

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Copy to:- HQ 3 District

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Subject: Assignment of Vehicles.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/5.

21 Aug 44

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

135

1. Your ref 16462/Rs/21 dated 19 Aug.

2. Assignment of vehicles as follows is approved.

A. To the Artillery Directorate from Military Command of Calabria.

1 trattore "Breda" 32.33

1 " P.4

2 motocicli.

B. To the Btg. Alpini "L'Aquila" from Military Command of Calabria.

2 motocicli.

REP/hh

REP

REX E.PINKLEY Major
For Major General
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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See 139

SUBJECT: Road vehicle situation of Italian Military in Campania and attached PBS -III District-5 Army.

File 1361

MMIA FILE REF A8 5 Date Rec'd 23 8

HQ.MMIA.
NAPLES SECTOR
STN/15

20 August 1944

TO : AA QMG MMIA HQ.

Copies :DEPUTY DIRECTOR MMIA HQ
Special Section MMIA HQ
ADST MMIA HQ
DADME MMIA HQ
MMIA LO 5th Army
MMIA LO Friuli Division
MMIA LO III District.

1. Appendix "A" provides an analysis of the above subject based on ve vehicle returnsas at 1 Aug.1944. There has not yet been an opportunity for cross check of the figures furnished by the Italian authorities by field inspection and to that extent they require to be treated with reservation. The real situation is however probably not far different from the layout shown in the Appendix.

2. The Appendix comprises all the vehicles in theory on the books of the Direzione Automobilistica Comando Campania for technical inspection and maintenance functions.

3. The vehicles effectively available to Comando Campania for day to day operations are limited to the first group in the Appendix. The remaining groups are untouchable by Comando Campania for operating purposes.

4. The Comando Campania vehicles fall into two groups: those assigned specifically to branches and those assigned to the 10 Motor Vehicle Company(10 Raggruppamento Autieri).

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6. The 10 Raggruppamento Autieri vehicles constitute the sole available pool of Italian vehicles for all activities which Comando Campania and MMIA Naples are called upon to perform.

7. In the past Comando Campania and MMIA Naples have struggled along from expedient to expedient in obtaining vehicle assistance for ITI purposes from both PBS andIII District sources. For example the greater part of the distribution of ITI Rations from Naples Bulk Depot to the Distribution Depots of Aversa,Caserta and elsewhere has in the past been carried out by PBS Civilian Truck Pool Lorries secured for this work by devious devices. The transport for ITI troop movement and formation of Units has most frequently been provided by 57 Area. Shuttle Service lorries for railway loading and unloading and ship loading have had to be improvised from whatever source seemed most hopeful from time to time.

8. There has recently been noticeable a sharp increase in the difficulty of securing road transport assistance from both PBS and 57 Area. This is an understandable consequence of current operations, and the trend is not likely to be reversed. On the other hand ITI requirements for transport in Naples tend constantly to increase as the various branches of MMIA succeed in getting the Italian military ma-

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chmine on to a more self-supporting basis.

9. As a result of these trends the ITI road transport problem in Naples has become progressively more difficult and is now acute. In order to get even the bare minimum of essential work carried out, it has been necessary in the past week to institute a close control of the daily allocation of 10 Raggruppamento Autieri vehicles by Comando Campania. This control takes the form of telephone communication each evening by the Ufficio Servizi of Comando Campania to MMIA Naples of a list of all 10 Raggruppamento Autieri vehicles available for the following day, all transport demands placed and the proposed resulting allocations. The proposed allocations are confirmed or modified by MMIA in accordance with the relative urgency of jobs to be dohne in the various branches.

10. During the four days in which this system has so far been in operation the ITI lorries 2 tons and upwards available, in the 10 Raggruppamento pool have totalled respectively 18-18-20-19.these being the totals of runners at present available as compared with 29 at 1 Aug.44 in Appendix Attached.

11. In these circumstances it has been necessary apply a strict standard of priorities. For example it has only been possible to move Disinfectants for Sardinia for Shipside and transport stores for the formation of the 4 Mule companies at the expense ofrunning down stocks of rations in outlying Sector depots. It is at present impossible in Campania to satisfy fully from Italian road vehicles resources the legitimate daily transport requirements for service operations of Comando Campania and MMIA Naples.

12. The Friuli Division reports (visit of Capt. Nelson on 19 Aug. 1944) their vehicle position as follows:-

a) Allied vehicles. The original 6 X 3 tonners and 3 t. water trucks loaded by 57 Area are still at work. These will shortly be replaced by 9 water trucks and 6 X 3 tonners to be drawn by Friuli Division from 9 vehicle Park Capua under authorities quoted in III District signal SD 3048 of 20 Aug.44.

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13. The transfer of ITI tyres from Salerno to Naples is nearly completed. As soon as all the tyres are transferred and sorted proposals for allocation will be examined and submitted to MMIA ROME. The greater part of the tyres which have come over so far are small sizes which will give no assistance to the road carrier problem.

14. The Italian military are holding at Naples 4 load-carriers turned in by the NEMBO Division and 4 by 226 Division on transfer from Sardinia. A further 19 road carriers originally from Sardinia are working on the CIL ammunition run. Action has been taken in the past week to take into immediate use in Naples 3 trailers belonging to 3 of the frozen vehicles, and the Italian Campania Authorities have also been instructed to proceed (without prejudice to eventual allocation)with repairs required by the 8 vehicles to make them runners.

15. The foregoing are the main elemts in the position. The following are the conclusions:-

a) Coamdo Campania is on present evidence genuinely unable to meet essentiall transport requirements of local Italian military formations and of MMIA Naples. No practical purpose would therefore be servedby transferring load-carriers for-

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Comando Campania to either 5th Army or Friuli Division. If such transfer is insisted upon either the Allies will have to provide correspondingly more transport to the Italians here in Campania or else Italian military essential work in Naples will remain unexecuted.

b) It is recommended that the 8 frozen load-carriers now being repaired by Comando Campania should be taken into service by Campania(assignment to 10 Raggruppamento Autieri) on completion of repairs.

c) The vehicle position of Comando Campania contained in attached Appendix should be thoroughly worked over by MMIA Naples or by a first class calibre Italian Officer to be seconded by War Ministry and to work under direction of MMIA Naples with reference to (i) verification of vehicle strength reports and check-up of full employment of otherwise of vehicles,(ii) possibility of reducing heavy percentage of non-runners by issues from the Salerno tyres and by an active cannibalization policy (iii) review of existing Campania military road vehicle workshop facilities which are started by Comando Campania to be minimal.

d) If and when the ex-Sardinia vehicles are released from the CIL ammunition run and for additional vehicles arrive ex Sardinia, allocations from these two sources to be made to ITIs Five Army and for Friuli Division as the situation may then require.

e) Existing tight control by MMIA Naples of Comando Campania vehicle position to be maintained and developed.

f) Vehicle allocation(both lighter and heavier vehicles) of ITI troops with III District to be investigated by MMIA LO III District with view to possible release of a surplus. Particularly on heavier load-carriers the figure of runners available to III District Italian troops looks relatively generous in view of number of troops concerned.

16. Your instructions in reply to preceding paragraph are awaited. 1764

O.C.PAPINEAU
Major RASC
ST. LIAISON OFFICER
MMIA Naples

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APPENDIX A

ROAD VEHICLE SITUATION ITALIAN MILITARY IN CAMPANIA AND ATTACHED PBS III DISTRICT 5 ARMY

(Based on Vehicle State Returns As At 1 August 44)

UNITS AND / OR GROUPS OF UNITS	MOTORCYCLES			PASSENGER CARS AND LOAD CARRIERS BELOW 2 TONS			LOAD CARRIERS 2 TONS AND UP WARDS		
	Runners	Non Runn. due Tyres only	Non Runn. due Mech. Faults	Runn.	Non Runn. due Tyres only	Non Runn. due Mech. Fault	Runn.	Non Runn. due Tyres only	Non Runn. due Mech. Fault
HQ Comando Cmapania	-	-	1	13	-	11	4	-	1
Artillery Command of Campania	7	-	4	3	-	7	2	-	4
Engineer Command " "	2	-	2	1	-	1	8	-	3
Commissariato Directorate Cam.	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Medical Directorate Campania	-	-	-	5 (all Ambulances)	-	-	7 (of which 6 Ambulances)	-	-
Carabinieri Campania	12	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Depots, Area Commands etc. Campania	10	-	-	19	1	6	8	-	3
10 Motor Vehicle Company	9	-	24	18	-	44	29	-	103
Total COMANDO CAMPANIA	42	-	31	60	1	69	59	-	114
10 Legion Carabinieri	24	-	14	37	-	11	5	-	-
10 Legion Finance Guard	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
Railway Units (under AAI direction)	6	-	2	20	-	6	10	-	5
CERSETI	2	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	-

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Engineer Command	[illegible]	-	-	[illegible]	-	-	-	-	-
Commissariato Directorate Cam.	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Medical Directorate Campania	-	-	-	5 (all Ambulances)	-	-	7 (of which 6 Ambulances)	-	-
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CERSETI	2	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	-
ITI Troops with PBS	26	4	23	49	6	31	37	-	21
ITI Troops with III District	8	-	9	23	1	9	32	1	14
ITI Troops with 5 Army	16	-	8	35	-	16	16	-	6

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RPTD PBS for MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

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2-A — Translate REF

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
- Uff. Servizi - Sez. Auto -

MMIA A AD
FILE REF
Date Recd 19.8.44

n° 6/5186 di prot.Serv. P.M. 151, lì 12 agosto 1944

OGGETTO :- assegnazione automezzi.- assignment vehicles

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Dir.Gen.Motorizzazione = P.M. 107 =

AL COMANDO DELEGAZIONE "A" S.M.R.E. = P.M. 185 =
(Rif.f. 981 del 4/8/44)

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I - Si prega codesta Direzione Generale compiacersi disporre con urgenza l'assegnazione alla Delegazione "A" di questo Stato Maggiore dei seguenti mezzi automobilistici:-

a)- Per la Direzione Artiglieria:-

n° 1 trattore "Breda" 32-33 } da trarsi dal 14° Raggruppamento Artiglieria (Comando Militare Calabria)
" 1 " P. 4 }
" 2 motocicli da trarsi dalle disponibilità del Comando Militare della Calabria;

b) - Per il Btg. Alpini "L'Aquila":-

- n° 2 motocicli da trarsi dalle disponibilità del Comando Militare della Calabria.-

II - Alla Delegazione "A" si comunica che, come da accordi presi con S.E. il Generale DE STEFANIS, si fa riserva di disposizioni per l'assegnazione degli automezzi ancora occorrenti per far fronte alle necessità rappresentate.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
F/to: Alessandro Santi

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale della Motorizzazione
- 2^ Divisione -

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale della Motorizzazione
= 2ª Divisione =

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nº 16462 /Rs/21

ROMA, 19 AGO. 1944

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
= R O M A =

e, per conoscenza :-
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
- Uff. Servizi - Sezione Auto -
= P.M.151 =

.....in ottemperanza al foglio nº AQ/5 del 26 luglio c.a., con preghiera di autorizzare la cessione degli automotomezzi di cui alle lettere a) e b) del I comma.-

p. IL MINISTRO

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Subject: Vehicles arriving in NAPLES from SARDINIA.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E
AG/5.

18 Aug 44

To: MMIA LO NAPLES

1. All units transferred from SARDINIA to the Mainland will, upon arrival at NAPLES, be allowed to retain such vehicles as are necessary for their "minimum house keeping needs". The decision as to how many vehicles are necessary for "minimum house keeping needs" will be made by the MMIA LO at NAPLES.

2. A report will be made to this HQ by the MMIA LO at NAPLES stating number and types of vehicles which remained with the unit and the number placed in the NAPLES motor pool.

REP/hh

REP
REX E.PINKLEY Major
For Major General
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

Copy to: Ministry of War.
MMIA LO SARDINIA.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE

2ª DIVISIONE — 1ª SEZIONE

N. di prot. 16786 /Sk/21 Roma, li 18 AGO. 1944

Allegati nº 411.- Risp. al f. del

OGGETTO: - situazione mezzi trasporto automobilistici dell'Esercito Italiano.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO (MMIA) - Via Vitt. Veneto - =R O M A=

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In riferimento al foglio AQ/5 del 26 luglio u.s., si trasmettono a codesta Sottocommissione :-

- nº 1 situazione riepilogativa generale degli automezzi in carico all'Esercito Italiano;
- nº 9 situazioni riepilogative parziali, relative a :-
  - Autodrappelli Ministero Guerra e Casa Reale;
  - Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito;
  - Corpo Italiano di Liberazione;
  - Comando Militare di Roma;
  - Comando Militare della Sicilia;
  - Comando Militare della Sardegna;
  - Comando Militare della Calabria;
  - Comando Militare Puglia-Lucania;
  - Comando Militare della Campania;

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ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA COMMISSIONE
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  - Comando Militare della Sardegna;
  - Comando Militare della Calabria;
  - Comando Militare Puglia-Lucania;
  - Comando Militare della Campania;
- n° 401 situazioni indicative di singolo reparto.-

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Mancano i dati di alcune Unità territoriali delle Puglie e della Campania, e degli Autodrappelli del S.I.M. che saranno trasmessi non appena perverranno a questo Ministero le relative situazioni, ripetutamente sollecitate.

Circa l'inefficienza degli automezzi non si è indicato se essa è per gomme o per le parti meccaniche, non essendo tali dati riportati nelle situazioni qui giunte.- Essi sono stati richiesti e saranno trasmessi a codesta M.M.I.A. con le prossime situazioni.-

Circa il Parco Automobilistico che dovrebbe costituirsi a Napoli con gli autoveicoli provenienti dalla Sardegna, non si trasmette alcuna situazione, in quanto le situazioni qui allegate si riferiscono tutte al 1° luglio scorso.-

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A questo proposito si fa presente che, a causa delle difficoltà di comunicazioni e del ponderoso lavoro richiesto dalla compilazione delle allegate situazioni, non è stato possibile avere, dalla maggior parte degli enti, situazioni più recenti del 1° luglio, e si è scelta quindi per tutti tale data, in modo da avere un punto di partenza uniforme per tutti ed evitare discordanze che sarebbero nate se la data delle situazioni fosse stata diversa da una ente all'altro.-

Soltanto in questo modo si potrà avere un quadro il più possibile esatto delle situazioni, anche se esso non è aggiornato.-

Si fa riserva di trasmettere trimestralmente le varianti alle predette situazioni, e cioè al 1° ottobre p.v.-

Per gli automezzi di costruzione Alleata, ceduti al C.I.I., si allega specchio a parte.-

p. IL MINISTRO

Alberto

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SUBJECT:- Veh Markings - Italian Units

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILFOT 99

1706/4/G(SD2)

18 Aug 44

Army Sub-Commission, ACC (MMIA)

Copy to:- CG Fifth Army
Eighth Army
2 Polish Corps
26 BLU att 2 Polish Corps
1 District
2 District
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Ref your AQ/5 of 27 Jun 44.

1. Authority is now given for the proposed veh sign as submitted by your HQ to be taken into use on all vehs of the Italian Army and for all Italian units using British transport.

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for Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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TO MMIA for CCAS 131/4 A&S

SUBJECT: Sal of Italian Vehs

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MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY CMF
M 14133 SD3

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27 Aug. 44

HQ AAI (Adm Sch)

M.M.I.A. File Ref 1 Date Recd 31/8/1

Ref your AAI/421.4/DSAO dated 11 Aug.

1. Very careful consideration has been given to the suggestions outlined in your letter of above ref.

It is regretted however, that from the security point of view, it is undesirable to have divilians circulating in the AMGF area in the manner proposed.

2. An added difficulty is that if permits were issued to civilians for the organised sal of vehs, many other outstanding requests of a similar nature would have to be fulfilled which would further prejudice security restrictions now in force within the AMGF area.

3. As a possible solution it was suggested that AMG should instruct Carabinieri in the AMGF area to put all vehs abandoned by the enemy into a place of safety, and then advise the interested Dept of ACC. After consultation with AMG, this alternative is not considered feasible, as there are so few Carabinieri and equally, so few places where the vehs could be regarded as safe.

4. It is regretted therefore, that your proposals cannot be agreed to, and under present op circumstances, no constructive alternative can be offered.

/s/ ?? Lt. Col.
for Lt-Gen
COC
EIGHTH ARMY.

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AG 451-Z 2nd Ind. CFW/MFG/hsb
HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, APO #464, U. S. Army, AUG 14 1944

To: GOC, Allied Armies in Italy, Administrative Echelon,
APO #400.

1. It is believed that it would not be advisable to allow Italian civilians in the Army Area to evacuate vehicles.

2. At the present time, all captured Italian vehicles are turned in by units to Army Ordnance. Arrangements have been made between Army Ordnance and MMIA Liaison Officer with Fifth Army, for the Italian Army to take over all Italian vehicles immediately for repair or salvage for parts as the Italians see fit.

3. Should the Italian Army desire to have civilian agencies do the repair work, it is recommended that the present system of evacuation be continued and that the civilian agency be given the vehicles after the Italian Army has received them from Army Ordnance.

For the ARMY COMMANDER:

M. F. GRANT,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

AAI/421.1/DCAC 3rd Ind. ALI/rjs
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY, ADMINISTRATIVE ECHELON, APO 400,
U.S. ARMY. 19 August 1944.

TO: Chief Commissioner, Army Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission,
APO 683, U. S. Army.

Inviting attention to 2nd Ind. It is not the present intention to issue instructions in this matter contrary to the wishes of the Army Commander.

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A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

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AAI/421.4/DCAO 1st Ind. ALH/rjs
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY, ADMINISTRATIVE ECHELON, APO 400, U.S. ARMY. 11 August 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464, U. S. Army.
General Officer Commanding, Eighth Army, C.M.F.

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The Italian Army wishes to recruit local civilian motor repair agencies to locate these vehicles and to do the salvaging for it before it is too late.

Will you, therefore, consider and report the practicability of the following within Army areas:

a. Any civilian agency designated for such salvage shall have each individual, or each group of individuals, under a supervisor, furnished with a suitable authorization signed by authority of the Italian Minister of War or the Allied Military Mission with the Italian Army.

b. The Italian agency will operate only in that part of the Army area approved from time to time by the Army Commander.

c. No assistance of any kind will be required from the Army or subordinate Commanders.

2. The scheme has the approval of the Captured Enemy Material Section. 10.5

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

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Subject: Tpt - MMIA British W.E.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/B.

17 Aug 44

To: A.D.S.T.

Copy to: SC Q.
Camp.

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1. The Transport Officer will arrange requisition through RAAC of such passenger tpt as required to complete the W.E.

2. Under NO circumstances will any vehicle be used or held by MMIA unless -
   (a) it is correctly held against the WE and is so reported on the Census Return,
   or(b) it is on loan from some other unit or formation, in which case written confirmation will be held by MMIA that the vehicle is on loan and is held on charge of the unit or formation making the loan.

3. All requisitioned and WD vehicles will be numbered, marked, painted etc in accordance with current regulations before being used by MMIA.

F J Noakes

FJN/hh

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G.
Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

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Roma, 17 AGO. 1944 - 19 A

Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE

Al SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO dell'A.C.C. (MMIA)

= ROMA =

Divisione II^a Sez. 4^a
Prot. N.^o 1609 / 124/6 Allegati

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. Sez. N.^o

OGGETTO = recupero automezzi del R.Esercito. =

Recovery of Army

Come é noto a codesta Sottocommissione, questo Ministero conformemente a quanto disposto dalle Autorità Alleate di Controllo, sta provvedendo al recupero di tutti gli automezzi del R.Esercito in possesso di privati ed enti civili.-

Il Municipio di Eboli, detentore di un autocarro Lancia 3/Ro targato R.E. ha fatto presente che l'autocarro in parola gli é stato concesso in uso dall'AMGOT per il trasporto di generi alimentari per la popolazione del Comune, e chiede gli venga lasciato per l'uso predetto.-

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SUBJECT:- Lt Repair.

HQ AAI

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17 Aug 44.

Army Sub Commission - ACC

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Ref your AQ/5 dated 6 Aug 44.

1. Herewith copy of letter from DCAO to Fifth and Eighth Armies for your information.

2. Further reports will be passed to you as and when received by this HQ.

for Lascelles Capt

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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Signed. A. L. HALELEY.
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
DCAO.

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Subject:- alian Army MT in CALABRIA

Army Sub Commission MMIA
HQ A.C.C.
R O M E.
AQ/5

14 Aug 44

HQ 3 District

1. In paras 8(e) and (f) of their Operation Instruction No.2 (2048 G(O) of 17 Mar 44) 2 District laid down that the Italian Army should:-

(a) provide transport as required for road maintenance by the civil road organisation (at present 12 lorries are being used).

(b) provide 60 lorries and drivers for the transport of timber.

2. Owing to the greatly extended L of C, the difficulty of administering troops in widely dispersed areas, the difficulties of getting transport from SARDINIA to replace worn out vehs, and the shortage of rail tpt, it will be impossible for the Italian Army to continue providing these vehs.

3. Will you therefore please make alternative arrangements so that these vehs may all be withdrawn by 31 Aug.

F.J.Noakes
Lt Col AA& QMG
for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
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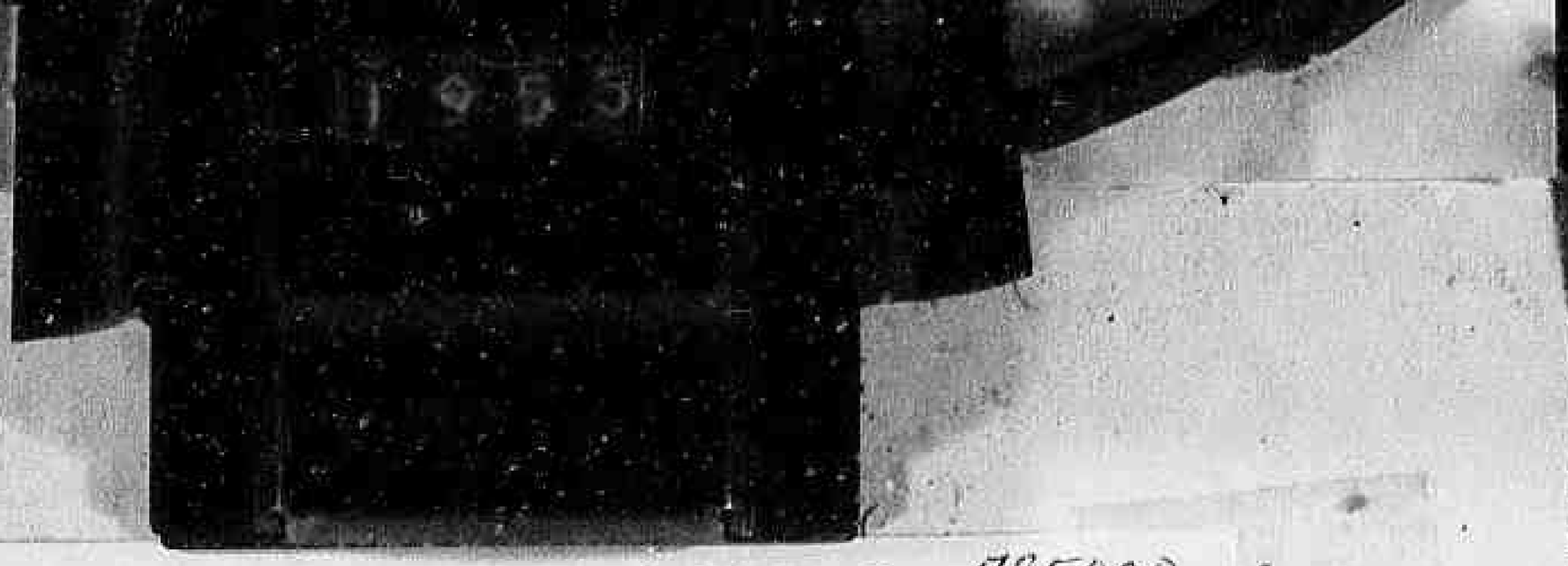

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Subject:- Captured Army Vehicles

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/5
11 Aug 44

Ministry of War

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Further to this HQ AQ/5 dated 20 Jul 44.

1. It has been established that the six Italian Army vehs were at the disposal of the Allies, in that they were captured before the signing of the Armistice.

2. It therefore appears that no further action is required by M.M.I.A.

F.J. Noakes
Lt Col AA & QMC
for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
(MMIA)

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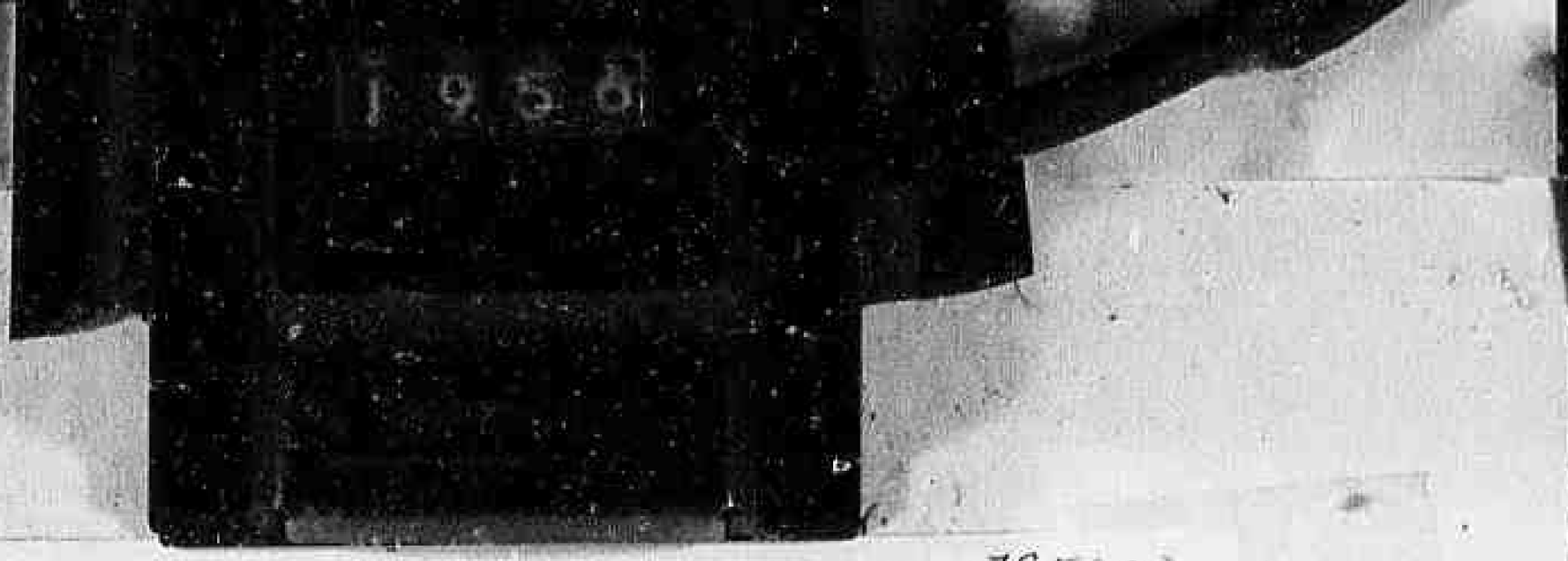

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Subject:- Vehs sold by Major Comelius

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ A.C.C.
R O M E.
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11 Augt 44.

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C.M.F.

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Ref your Q/421/2 of 6 Aug 44.

1. If the vehs were captured before the signing of the Armistice with ITALY then their issue to any authorised body by the competant Allied authority is no concern of the Italian Military.

2. It is only vehs in possession of the Italian Army at the time of the Armistice which are ruled by AFHQ to be the property of the Italian Army and have to be returned to them.

3. As the vehs appear to fall within the category of para 1 above the Italian Military Authority is being instructed to let the matter drop.

F.J.Neskes
Lt Col for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
(MMIA)

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI - Sezione Automobilismo

M.M.I.A. Arl
FILE REF 1
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Nº 6/5761/Serv. di prot.- P.M.151, li 2 Agosto 1944

O G G E T T O: Veicoli in arrivo a Napoli dalla Sardegna.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
- Direzione Generale della Motorizzazione — R o m a

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA — P.M. 120

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO - A.C.C. — R o m a

Vehicle arrival at Naples from Sardinia

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3°)- Tutti gli automezzi esuberanti ai biscgni di cui sopra, dovranno essere versati, dopo aver condotto i carichi dei rispettivi reparti a destinazione, al parco veicoli di Napoli.-

STATO MAGGIORE ESERCITO - UFFICIO SERVIZI

GENERALE ADDETTO
Alessandro Santi -

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Subject: Losses of M.T.(British).

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q.,A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/5
10 Aug 44.

1. Attention is directed to the order that all vehs will be adequately safeguarded.

2. Vehs will N O T be left unattended unless it is absolutely essential.

3. When it is absolutely essential to leave a vehicle unattended it will in ALL cases be efficiently immobilised.

4. Camp Commandant, in conjunction with M.T. Officer, will provide paddlocks and chains to enable the steering-wheel to be locked.

5. Courts of Inquiry, in preparation for any disciplinary action which may be indicated, will be held on all losses of vehicles or vehicle equipment.

6. Camp Commandant will explain this order to all other ranks at H.Q. and the senior British Officer in all outstations will explain to all other ranks in the appropriate station.

FJN/hh

F J N oa 10/8/44

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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Subject: Vehs sold by Major COSULIC

'Z' Military Mission
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Ref: Q/421/2

6 Aug 44

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Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
ROME

Copy to: Adm Sch HQ SO(H)
Q 6 Base Sub Area

Copy of MMIA letter AG/5 of 2 Aug 44 attached.

1. The circumstances under which 6 captured Italian Army vehs were sold by Major COSULIC of JANL to Italian civilians are as follows.

2. A total of 9 such vehs were issued to JANL in June on the authority Adm Sch HQ SO(H). These were all drawn from 576 SSD and were all captured enemy vehs. They were mostly in an advanced state of decrepitude.

3. These vehs were intended for training purposes. It was agreed, however that JANL could do what they wished with them, i.e., dismantel, sectionize or cannibalize them. We were never asked for permission to sell them, nor under any circumstances would we have agreed to such action.

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6. Ref para 3 of your letter, though it must inevetably be admitted that this sale was most irregular from the British point of view; it cannot be understood how the Italian military authorities can have any claim to these vehs. They are booty of war and as such W.D. property.

7. As it is very much desired to clear up this whole question, it would be appreciated if you would let us have your further view.regarding the present legal status of these vehs after you have received this letter.

10/10 p Re Tokio 121

Lt. Col.
AA & QMG

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Subject: M.T. Repair Service.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
P O W E
AQ/5.

7 Aug 44

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

The principel of the organization of the M.T. Repairs Service as outlined in your letter 1514B of 24 July is agreed, provided that the personnel are within the ceiling allowed for the Administrative ceiling.

FJN /hh

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE

2ª DIVISIONE — 4ª SEZIONE

N. di prot. 15148

ROMA li 24 Luglio 1944.-

Allegati

Risp. al f. del

OGGETTO: - Servizio delle riparazioni automobilistiche.-
(Repair Service Automobile)

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

R O M A
-Via Veneto -

In relazione ai contatti verbali già intercorsi sia fra il Maggiore Catalano del Corpo Italiano di Liberazione, sia, dopo il trasferimento a Roma del Ministero, fra il Direttore Generale della Motorizzazione ed il Maggiore Hall di codesta Missione, il servizio delle riparazioni in oggetto sarà riorganizzato sulle seguenti basi :-

1°)- Per le esigenze del Corpo Italiano di Liberazione :

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- al seguito immediato delle unità operanti e per riparazioni di lieve entità, le otto autofficine leggere di cui già il C.I.L. dispone e delle quali è in esame l'eventuale ulteriore rinforzo con taluna delle autofficine leggere in corso di affluenza dalla Sardegna;

- nelle immediate retrovie della grande unità, per riparazioni di media entità e sostituzione di complessivi, le due officine mobili pesanti 59ª e 62ª delle quali la prima è già in piena efficienza e la seconda in corso di ulteriore potenziamento da parte di questa Dire-

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In relazione ai contatti verbali già intercorsi sia fra il Maggiore Catalano del Corpo Italiano di Liberazione, sia, dopo il trasferimento a Roma del Ministero, fra il Direttore Generale della Motorizzazione ed il Maggiore Hall di codesta Missione, il servizio delle riparazioni in oggetto sarà riorganizzato sulle seguenti basi :-

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- per grandi riparazioni, le due officine dell'8° Reggimento Autieri e del Centro Studi delle quali la prima generica e la seconda specializzata per la riparazione e rimessa in efficienza dei mezzi automobilistici da combattimento (carri armati, autoblindo, camionette, ecc.).

Le due officine sono al completo di attrezzatura ed è in corso la riorganizzazione del personale e delle lavorazioni in relazione al nuovo compito ed assegnazione.-

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2°)- Per le rimanenti esigenze :-

a)- Alla diretta dipendenza di questa Direzione Generale :

- 38ª Officina Mobile Pesante, a Capua : per la rimessa in efficienza dei numerosi automezzi versati dal C.I.L. perchè abbisognevoli di grandi riparazioni;

- Parco Automobilistico di Mesagne = in corso di esame il suo spostamento nell'Italia centrale.- Frattanto provvede al ricupero e ripristino degli automezzi abbisognevoli di grandi riparazioni già raccolti nel centro raccolta autoguasti che gli è annesso.-

b)- Alla dipendenza dei Comandi Territoriali :

Sicilia : - officina automobilistica di Caltanissetta e quella in corso di riordinamento a Palermo;

Sardegna: - 13° Parco Automobilistico e officina del 13° Reggimento Autieri; il primo efficiente, la seconda in corso di riorganizzazione;

Calabria: - 53ª Officina Mobile Pesante = in corso di potenziamento a Catanzaro;

Puglia e Lucania :- Officine tipo A e tipo B del 9° Raggruppamento Autieri, efficienti;

Campania: - Officina tipo A del 10° Raggruppamento Autieri, in corso di riorganizzazione,

provvedono alla riparazione e tenuta in efficienza degli automezzi in distribuzione alle unità dipendenti da ciascun comando territoriale.-

Sia per le esigenze del C.I.L., sia per quelle territoriali le direzioni automobilistiche delle grandi unità interessate fanno il maggiore possibile ricorso alle officine civili valendosi all'uopo delle

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Si sarà grati a codesta Missione se vorrà far cortesemente conoscere se vi siano obiezioni per l'organizzazione sopraccennata.-

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

G. Utili

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Subject: M.T. Repairs Service.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/5.

7. Aug 44

To: Major GELARDI

Herewith a copy of a letter from M of W which you will find of interest as regards para 1.

FJN/hh

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
A.A. &.Q.M.G.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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Army Sub Commission MMIA
HQ A.C.C.
R O M E.
AQ/5
6 Aug 44

Subject:- M.T. Repair

HQ AAI for "Q"

1. Attached is Memorandum 14997 of 23 July from the Ministry of War.

2. Will you please confirm that Italian Army transport abandoned by the enemy may be collected and dealt with as suggested.

3. Your 2030/12/Q2 of 1 July is in part relevant.

F.J. Noakes Lt Col
for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

FJN/jrp

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COPY TRANSLATION

Ref. 14997
Date - 23.7.44.

From. M of W.
To. MMIA.

Subject: Recovery of It. W.D. Vehicles abandoned by enemy during retreat.

Reports from several sources have reached this Ministry to the effect that vehicles at one time belonging to the It. Army have been abandoned on the roads by the retreating enemy and that they are being rapidly deteriorated by civilian looting or pilfering.

The only source of supply which the It. Army has today is the recovery and repair of said vehicles.

At the same time requirements apart from those having priority such CIL and other Divs operating with Allies, have greatly increased in every field as the liberation of Italy proceeds and it is urgently necessary to provide more and more transport.

Since the mobile W/shops following the operational units and those in the rear which we have been able to form, overcoming great difficulties, at MESAGNE and at the various Driver Regiments, can hardly cope with the maintenance of vehicles already in circulation, and are suffering acutely from the shortage of spares, this Ministry deems it essential to make use of civilian concerns in order to recover the vehicles referred to above.

These firms would work under the control of suitable commissions appointed by this Directorate which would supervise the work to avoid any pilfering of the material recovered and to ensure that from a technical point of view the work is properly and rapidly done. 1680

In other words recovery would be carried out by firms appointed by competition which would function in specified areas alloted to each of them.

The material thus recovered would be inspected and

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The material thus recovered would be inspected and checked by said Commission who would make out a report stating condition of wrecks and whether or not they can be repaired and in the affirmative time required to put on the road.

Vehicles re-built or repaired would become the absolute property of the It. Army who would pay the firm concerned a reasonable compensation for recovery and repair work.

Vehicles thus recovered would be used according to this Ministry's instructions, based on MMIA's instruction, giving first priority, as usual, to operational units.

As an organization such as outlined above requires means, time and considerable expense the matter is submitted to MMIA for approval with the request that they state :-

(i) Whether there is objection to said recovery taking place.

(ii) Whether there is any objection to the work being carried out by civilian firms under the control of suitable commission formed by Officers fully qualified technically and otherwise.

(sgd)G. OXILIA

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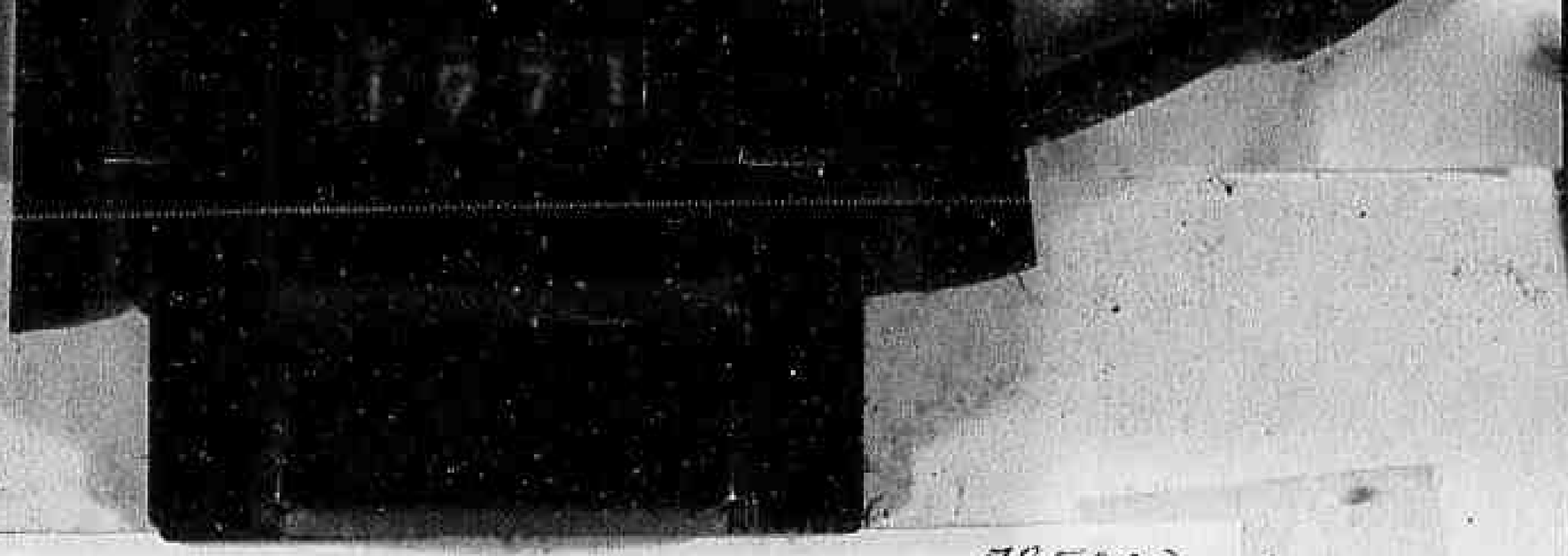

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Subject: British Vehs on Loan to Italian Units.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q.,A.C.C.
R C M E.
AQ/5.

4 Aug 44

H.Q.,A.A.I.

1. A case has occurred in which a British veh on loan to IFAHQ (Italian), and on charge to No.6 Wksp Pl. RASC, has been involved in an accident.

2. At present there is no Italian equivalent to A.F.A. 3681 in possession of Italian drivers, and no policy has been agreed on the responsibility of Italian drivers in temporary charge of Allied vehs on loan to their units.

3. It is requested that a ruling be given on the procedure to be adopted where accidents occur to Allied vehs, British and US, when on loan to Italian Units and driven by Italian personnel.

JB/hh

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

Copy to:
MMIA LO Rear HQ Eighth Army (your MM/113/16 — 119
of 30 Jul 44 refers)

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See folio 140.

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Subject: Italian Vehicles for Major KOSULICH, YUGOSLAV

Army Sub Commission (MIL
HQ. A.C.C.
R O M E
AC/5.

2 Aug 44

To: Z Military Mission,
162 Via Vittore Veneto, BARI

1. Please inform us of the circumstances under which you gave nine Italian Army vehicles to Major KOSULICH of the Yugoslav Army. The vehicles were actually drawn from PSD 576, MONOPOLI.

2. Major KOSULICH has sold six of the vehicles to an Italian civilian and there is some question as to his legal right to dispose of the vehicles in that manner. He claims that he had your permission to dispose of the vehicles in any manner he wished, including selling them.

3. The Italian Army is pressing for the return of all Military vehicles and unless the legal status of the nine you turned over to the Yugoslavs is cleared, they will probably have to be returned to the Italian Army.

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REX E. PINKLEY Major.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission

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RXP/hh

see 112

Subject:-Italian M. working for GENIO CIVILE CALABRIA.

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L.O.,Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.,
Military H.Q., CALABRIA,
Pontegrande-CATANZARO.

3 Aug. 44.

Ref:-Q.8/I6I.

To:-Army Sub Commission,(M.M.I.A.).,
H.Q., A. C. C.,
R O M E.

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In reply to your AQ./5 of 26 July 44.

2. Italian Military H.Q., CALABRIA has certain administrative duties to carry out, as laid down by H.Q., No.2 District in Para 8 of their Operation Instruction No.II., Defence of CALABRIA, ref. 2048 G(O) of I7 Mar 44. Sub para. 8 (e) of this Instruction reads as follows:-

"........to provide transport as required for road maintenance by the civil road organisation". 1677

It is pointed out that this road maintenance is strictly confined to work on the Allied military L. of C. in CALABRIA, and is directly controlled by Public Works and Utilities Sub Commission, A.C.C., acting under orders from C.E., No.3 District.

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4. Since it is contrary to M.M.I.A. policy for Italian Military M.T. to be engaged on work with Civil organisations, can you please take up the question with H.Q., 3 District, so that alternative arrangements can be made to supply the GENIO CIVILE, CALABRIA with transport.

Capt.,R.E.,
R.E.,L.C.,Military H.Q.,CALABRIA.

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COPY TRANSLATION.

FROM: C.I.L. Ref. 3025/Serv
TO: All units under command. 2 August '44.

Subject: M.T. at disposal of units.

The MT situation, although improved, still continues to be critical and it is impossible to hope for any appreciable change.
We have however, sufficient vehicles, if used on a moderate basis, to meet all our requirements for atatic periods and also for slow advances.

Certain difficulties to be overcome by units are known, but it is also known that vehicles are frequently used on unauthorized jobs because of the lack of control of those responsable, that maintenance is insufficient (the drivers' fault as well as the fault of that person not allowing sufficient time off for it), that the duty of safeguarding the MT which is necessary to keep us alive and in combat is not felt by all.

As a result of data obtained through recent experiences, bearing in mind present and future availabilities and the rhythm of repairs, the number of vehicles to be allotted to each unit has now been decided (See Appx 1). Such allotments, with the exception of the exceptions listed below, will be put into effect ~~immediately~~ in as far as efficient vehicles are concerned.

The programme will be put into effect as follows:
i) Immediately for all lorries,
ii) Shortly for cars (where allotment or substitution of cars is impossible, 15 cwts will be substituted).
It is to be noted that we are now working to our utmost and the use of cars must be restricted as much as possible.
iii) As soon as possible for m/cycles (a large number available are awaiting repair).

The allotments for the infantry, alpini, bersaglieri and Navy bns should not be considered as being definate.
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Each regiment or even better, each brigade should have a small number of vehicles which would be sufficient to meet all contingent requirements.

The establishment fixed for the LI Mixed Eng. Bn should not be regarded as being definate; a request is being made for vehicles which will make it partially mobile.

The following are not included in the state appx:-
i) NEMBO Division: establishments, deficiences to be filled will be dealt with separately. An MT section will be attached as a temporary reinforcement.
ii) 11 Arty Regt. Having a sufficient number of vehicles.

UNITS WHICH MUST HAVE TRANSPORT.

a) 11 Arty Regt, no change.
b) H.Q., besides its own vehicles, will have vehicles originally destined to Arty and Eng HQs.
c) 1 M/c Coy,
d) Heavy Mobile W/shops,
~~e) Unit having~~

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d) Units having a limited number of special vehicles (X Ray Ambulance, surgical section, eng. w/shops etc)
A/m units will apply directly to the MT office for repairs, spare parts and tyres.
f) MT Units.
Besides their own vehicles will also take on charge vehicles belonging to units for whom they are working. This will avoid the long procedure of loading and unloading ineffidient vehicles to be substituted.

Bearing in mind the above, HQ CCL MT Gp. will, by the 6 Aug, have reorganized the MT sections on the following basis:
1°) HQ MT sect, No 1 and mixed.
a) Will be responsible for maintenance of the vehicles listed to units on the state.
b) Will take on charge the vehicles of the units for whom they are working and take respective drivers on strength (Other personnel will remain on the strength of their units but will be rationed by the MT sections in case of the vehicles having to be turned in for repairs).
c) Will substitute their own vehicles for the ones given by the other MT units to the units which will in future have to go by the allotment made as per the state.
d) Will detach an officer and 2 NCO's of proven capacity and seriousness to the HQ's of I 1 and II Bdes and 51 Eng BN.
This personnel will at all times know the vehicle situation and will report all needs and measures to be adopted in order to ensure the regular functioning of the service.to the unit comdr. They will not have disciplinary functions nor will they detail the use of transport (devolved to unit comdrs) but will be regarded as technicians.
e) Will ensure that there is a sufficient number of vehicles to replace inefficient ones. For said purpose it would be as well to divide up the broken down vehicles of the 'mixed' amongst the 5 other MT units.
f) Nos 1 and 2 MT units must have Fiat 626 and Dodge (or similar type of English lorry) type lorries.

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The number of inefficient lorries, will not, at any time, exceed 25% of the total vehicles on charge.

The MT office must control all repairs and meet urgently all requests for spare parts and tyres coming in from units. MT units as well as having to stick to the number of vehicles alloted to units, will not be able to meet requests (even for limited short duties) coming from the Corps. This will be the responsability of the Services Office which looks after the total requirements of the CIL.

In order that the above may be sucessful, the goodwill of all Commanders is required, and said Comdrs are requested to take a personal interest in this important work and keep strict collaboration with this HQ which has to meet many requirements with so little transport which, however, if planned out well, ought to allow us to meet the situation to everybody's satisfaction.

sd. COL LOMBARDI.

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COMANDO DEL CORPO ITALIANO DI LIBERAZIONE
Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Servizi
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Nº 3015/Serv. di prot. P.M. 155, lì 2 agosto 1944

Oggetto: Automezzi a disposizione delle unità.-

AL COMANDO DELLA I BRIGATA
AL COMANDO DELLA II BRIGATA
AL COMANDO ARTIGLIERIA C. It.L.
AL COMANDO GENIO C. It.L.
AL COMANDO IX REPARTO D'ASSALTO
A TUTTI I SERVIZI DIPENDENTI

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO 184^ DIVISIONE "NEMBO„

La situazione automezzi, benchè migliorata, continua a mantenersi critica ne è possibile, almeno a breve scadenza, sperare in un radicale mutamento.

Abbiamo però i mezzi che ci consentono, se razionalmente impiegati, di far fronte a tutte le esigenze in una situazione statica ed anche in caso di lenta avanzata.

Sono note le difficoltà che i reparti debbono vincere, ma è anche noto che spesso i mezzi vengono usati per motivi poco plausibili perchè manca il controllo da parte di chi dovrebbe effettuarlo; che la manutenzione è insufficiente (colpa del conduttore, ma anche di chi non gli concede il tempo per eseguirla); che non è sentito da tutti il dovere di salvaguardare il patrimonio automobilistico che ci è necessario per vivere e combattere.

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Detto programma può essere realizzato:

- subito per quanto concerne gli autocarri;
- presto per le autovetture (ove non fosse possibile l'assegnazione o la sostituzione di autovetture, si supplirà con i 15 cwt.).
  Si tenga presente che si lavora al limite e che pertanto è necessario l'impiego quanto mai parsimonioso dei mezzi.
- non appena possibile per le moto (numerosi mezzi attualmente disponibili debbono essere riparati).

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Le assegnazioni per i btg. di ftr., alpini, bersaglieri, R. Marina, non debbono intendersi tassative. Nell'ambito del reggimento o meglio ancora della brigata può e deve essere fatta una piccola manovra di mezzi che consenta far fronte alle necessità contingenti.

Gli organici fissati per il LI btg. misto genio non sono definitivi; è in corso la richiesta di mezzi per la parziale motorizzazione.

Nello specchio non figurano:

- Divisione "Nembo": organici, deficienze da colmare vengono trattate a parte. Riceverà in rinforzo temporaneo una autosezione.
- 11° Rgt.Artiglieria: perchè mantiene l'attuale carico.

ENTI CHE DEBBONO AVERE IN CARICO AUTOMEZZI:

a) - 11° rgt. artiglieria - nulla di variato;

b) - Quartier Generale - avrà in carico oltre ai propri, i mezzi destinati ai comandi di artiglieria e genio;

c) - 1^ cp.motociclisti;

d) - Officine Mobili Pesanti;

e) - Enti che hanno in carico mezzi speciali e limitatamente a tali mezzi (ambulanza radiologica, nucleo chirurgico, officina del genio ecc.).

Dette unità faranno capo direttamente all'ufficio automobilistico per quanto concerne riparazioni, rifornimenti parti di ricambio e gomme;

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f) - Autoreparti.

Assumeranno in carico oltre i propri anche gli automotomezzi dei reparti per i quali rispondono del servizio. Ciò ha lo scopo di evitare lunghe operazioni di carico e scarico tutte le volte che un mez

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Tenuto conto di quanto precede, il comando del CCL autogruppo entro il giorno 6 agosto deve provvedere alla riorganizzazione degli autoreparti in base ai seguenti criteri:

1°) - Autoreparto comando, 1° e misto.

- Hanno la responsabilità di mantenere a numero e sempre efficienti gli automotomezzi destinati alle unità indicate nello specchio.
- Assumeranno, come detto, in carico gli automotomezzi delle unità per le quali rispondono del servizio e prenderanno in forza i relativi conduttori se automobilisti (gli altri rimarranno effettivi ai loro reparti e saranno presi in sussistenza dagli autoreparti qualora i rispettivi automezzi dovessero temporaneamente rientrare per riparazioni).

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- Sostituiranno con i propri automezzi quelli degli altri autoreparti già dati in rinforzo alle unità cui in avvenire dovranno come da allegato specchio direttamente provvedere; gli automezzi sostituiti rientreranno ai rispettivi autoreparti.

- Distaccheranno un ufficiale e 2 sottufficiali di porvata capacità e serietà rispettivamente presso i comandi della II e I brigata e LI battaglione genio.
Tali ufficiali dovranno in ogni momento essere al corrente della situazione degli automezzi e segnalare tempestivamente al proprio comandante di reparto le necessità ed i provvedimenti da prendere per il regolare funzionamento del servizio. Non hanno compiti fiscali nè competenza per l'impiego dei mezzi (devoluta ai comandanti dei reparti) ma esclusivamente attribuzioni tecniche.

- Dovranno avere un carico di mezzi che consenta la immediata sostituzione degli inefficienti. A tale scopo è bene suddividere tra gli altri autoreparti la massa degli autoguasti del misto.

- Gli autoreparti 1° e 2° debbono avere in carico rispettivamente autocarri del tipo FIAT 626 e DODGE (o mezzo similare inglese).

2°) - Il 2° autoreparto rimane come reparto di manovra.
Nessun autocarro in carico può essere assegnato per servizi fissi.
Il numero degli autocarri inefficienti non deve superare mai, per nessun motivo, il 25% del carico.

L'ufficio automobilistico deve provvedere al controllo delle riparazioni ed aderire sollecitamente alle richieste di ricambio e gomme che gli perverranno dagli autoreparti. Gli autoreparti mentre hanno l'obbligo di tenere a numero gli automezzi a disposizione degli enti, non hanno facoltà di aderire ad eventuali richieste - sia pure limitate ad un servizio di breve durata -, che pervenissero dai corpi.
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Per la realizzazione di quanto sopra esposto è necessaria la buona volontà di tutti i comandanti i quali sono pregati di interessarsi personalmente per il buon funzionamento di questo importantissimo servizio e collaborare attivamente con questo comando che deve sopperire a molte esigenze con pochi mezzi che però se ben manovrati consentono di fronteggiare la situazione con beneficio di tutti.

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IL MAGGIORE CAPO UFFICIO
- Giuseppe Terranova

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
F° - Col. L. Lombardi -

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COMANDO DEL CORPO ITALIANO DI LIBERAZIONE
Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Servizi

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U N I T A'	Autovetture italiane o Jeep o Utilities	15 cwt.(3/4)	L. 39 (1)	Autocarri da 3 tons ed oltre	Motociclette	Ente automob. che ha in carico i mezzi	N O T E
- Comando C.It.L.	10	3	2	8	12	Q.G. (autodrappello)	
- " artiglieria	2	1	-	4	6		
- " genio	2	1	-	2	4		
- Comando I Brigata	3	1	-	6	6	1° autoreparto	
- 4°rgt.bers. (2)	4	3	3	16	10		
- 3° " alpini (2)	4	3	6	14	12		
- IV gr.someggiato	-	1	1	3	3		
- Comando II Brigata	3	1	-	6	6	Autoreparto comando	
- 68° rgt.ftr. (2)	4	3	3	12	10		
- Rgt.S.Marco (2)	4	3	3	12	10		
- V btg. c. c.	-	1	2	2	2		
- V gr.someggiato	-	1	1	3	3		
- IX rep. d'assalto	1	2	-	4	6	" "	
- LI btg.misto genio	1	1	-	25	6	Autoreparto misto	
- 17^ officina colleg.	-	-	1	-	-		
- P. A. M. G.	-	-	-	2	-		
- 39^ Sezione CC.RR.	1	-	-	1	12		

(1) - a consumazione.

( ) - Di norma:

- autovetture: 2 c.do rgt-4 1 c.do btg.
- 15 cwt. : 1 " 1 "
- L 39 : 1 " 1 "
- autocarri : 4 " 4 "
- moto : 4 " 3 "

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- P. A. M. G.	-	-	1	2	1
- 39^ Sezione CC.RR.	1	-	-	1	12
- 51^ " " "	1	-	-	1	12
- 51^ " Sanità	1	-	-	4	2
- 244° org. da campo	-	-	-	1	1
- 332° " " "	-	-	-	1	1
- 470° " " "	-	-	-	1	1
- 866° " " "	-	-	-	1	1
- CCL rep. salmerie	1	1	-	3	1
- 51^ sez.sussistenza	-	-	-	1	1
- 35^ squadra penett.	-	-	-	2	1
- P. A. M.	-	-	1	4	2
- Squadra carburanti	-	-	-	10	1

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Subject: Vehicles arriving in NAPLES from SARDINIA.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/5

2. Aug 44

To: MINISTRY OF WAR 116

1. My AQ/5 dated 26 Jul 44 on subject "Italian Army Motor Tpt" is amplified as under.

2. All Italian Military vehicles (whether arriving with units or not) arriving in ITALY from SARDINIA are frozen and subject to allotment by MMIA.

3. Vehicles which arrive loaded with goods or equipment etc will deliver their loads to the correct destination and then report to the NAPLES vehicle park.

5. The Senior MMIA LO in NAPLES will coordinate the above arrangements. Separate instructions are being issued covering the stock control and method of release of the vehs from the park.

F.J.Noakes.

FJN/hh

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

Copy to: SMRE
PBS
Col.SIMMONS thru A.G.C. SARDINIA
OFD.

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MM I A
FILE REF AQ 5
Date Recd 2/8/44

SUBJECT:- British M T on Loan to Italian Units.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/113/16

30 Jul 44.

Army Sub Commission
M M I A
HQ ACC ROME.

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1. The enclosed inner sheet "B" relating to the FORDSON 15 cwt WD 715699, at present on loan to I F A HQ and on charge to No.6 Wksp Pln R A S C, is forwarded for your information.

2. At the present time there is no Italian equivalent to A F.A 3681 in the possession of Italian drivers, and I have no record of any agreed policy, if such exists, covering the responsibility of Italian drivers in temporary charge of Allied M T on loan to their units.

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Lt-Col.,
Liaison Officer.

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Accident Report.

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Estimated cost of repairs to Fordson 15 cwt. W.D.715699. Drivers name not known.

To stripping chassis, straightening chassis etc. and fitting new spares. i.e. Radiator, Grill, Engine mountings & manifolds, gearbox mountings, front spring and front of body.
Approximate cost of repairs..... £35.

Subject: Fordson 15 cwt. W.D.715699.

M.M.I.A.,
Rear H.Q.,
Eighth Army, C.M.F.

Herewith enclosed inner sheet "B" on accident of the a/m vehicle.

Capt.
O i/c No.6. Workshop Platoon. R.A.S.C.

Field. 27/7/44.

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Subject: Tyres for Italian MT.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MMIA
A G 4 B
AG/5.

12 Jul 44.

MMIA LO, Military HQ, CALABRIA

1. Reference your G.3/143 dated 10 July 44.

2. The Ministry of War has authority to allocate tyres and tubes from any existing Italian stocks, under their control for strictly military operational purposes, but not for other governmental or civil uses.

3. The use of Italian military MT by ENTE CIVILE appears to be a violation of policy against its use for purposes other than military, and certainly the matter should be checked by the Ministry of War before making an allocation of tyres or parts which are badly needed for Military operations.

4. Italian Military Mission, Chiefly should take this matter up with the Ministry of War.

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[signature]
G.A. SHEPPARD, Lt.Col.
For Major General,
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
(MMIA).

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Subject: Italian Army motor transport.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ ITA
A.P.O. [illegible]
U/S.

26 Jul 44.

To: THE MINISTRY OF WAR

1. All military transport belonging to the Italian Army is frozen in its present assignment, and will not be transferred from one unit to another without prior approval of this Headquarters.

2. All Italian military transport which may arrive from GARIGLIA will be frozen in an Italian motor park, which you will establish in the Naples area. This Headquarters will be notified of the exact location of this motor park. Vehicles from this motor park will be assigned to units only by this Headquarters.

3. A report showing the assignment of each vehicle of the Italian Army to the using organizations, including those vehicles in motor park NAPLES, will be submitted to this Headquarters not later than 15 August 44.

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REP
Hal C. PINKLEY, Major.
For Major General,
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
(ITA).

FAC/h.

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G. 25/7

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE

2ª DIVISIONE — 4ª SEZIONE

N. di prot. 14997 ROMA li 23 luglio 1944

Allegati Risp. al f. del

OGGETTO: - ricupero automezzi dell'Esercito Italiano abbandonati dalla truppe nemiche in ritirata.-

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

ROMA

- Via Veneto -

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Poichè le officine mobili al seguito delle truppe operan quelle più arretrate che questa Direzione Generale ha potuto orga zare, vincendo notevoli e spesso forti difficoltà, al Parco di Ies e presso i Reggimenti Autieri, sono appena sufficienti per le ri zioni e la rimessa in efficienza degli automezzi già in distribu alle unità e risentono gravemente della deficienza di parti di r bio, questo Ministero ritiene indispensabile utilizzare per il r in oggetto imprese civili.-

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In altri termini le operazioni di ricupero sarebbero compiute dalle ditte designate con bando di concorso che opererebbero nella zona a ciascuna assegnata.-

Il materiale ricuperato verrebbe visitato e controllato dalle predette commissioni che determinerebbero con apposito verbale lo stato e la consistenza dei relitti ricuperati e stabilirebbero possibilità e tempo occorrente per la riutilizzazione.-

Gli automezzi ricostituiti o riparati ritornerebbero di assoluta proprietà dell'Esercito Italiano che corrisponderebbe alla ditta l'equo compenso per le operazioni di ricupero e riparazione.-

Il successivo impiego degli automezzi così ricuperati verrebbe stabilito da questo Ministero, sulla base degli ordini e delle direttive di codesta Missione, come sempre con assoluta precedenza per le necessità operative.-

Poichè una organizzazione quale quella sopra accennata richiede mezzi e tempo notevole e l'impegno di ingente onere finanziario si sottopone la questione a codesta Missione con preghiera di voler cortesemente far conoscere :-

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

G. Ottolini

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From: M of W.
To : AMGIA

Ref. 14997
Date - 23.7.44.

Subject: Recovery of It. W.D. Vehicles abandoned by enemy during retreat.

Reports from several sources have reached this Ministry to the effect that vehicles at one time belonging to the It. Army have been abandoned on the roads by the retreating enemy and that they are being rapidly deteriorated by civilian looting or pilfering.

The only source of supply which the It. Army has today is the recovery and repair of said vehicles.

At the same time requirements apart from those having priority such CIL and other Divs operating with Allies, have greatly increased in every field as the liberation of Italy proceeds and it is urgently necessary to provide more and more transport.

Since the mobile W/shops following the operational units and those in the rear which we have been able to form, overcoming great difficulties, at MSAGNE and at the various Driver Regiments, can hardly cope with the maintenance of vehicles already in circulation, and are suffering acutely from the shortage of spares, this Ministry deems it essential to make use of civilian concerns in order to recover the vehicles referred to above.

These firms would work under the control of suitable commissions appointed by this Directorate which would supervise the work to avoid any pilfering of the material recovered and to ensure that from a technical point of view the work is properly and rapidly done.

In other words recovery would be carried out by firms appointed by competition which would function in specified areas allotted to each of them.

The material thus recovered would be inspected and checked by said Commission who would make out a report stating condition of wrecks and whether or not they can be repaired and in the affirmative time required to put on the road.

Vehicles re-built or repaired would become the absolute property of the It. Army who would pay the firm concerned a reasonable compensation for recovery and repair work.

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Vehicles thus recovered would be used according to this Ministry's instructions, based on MMIA's instruction, giving first priority, as usual, to operational units.

As an organization such as outlined above requires means, time and considerable expense the matter is submitted to MMIA for approval with the request that they state :-

(i) Whether there is objection to said recovery taking place.

(ii) Whether there is any objection to the work being carried out by civilian firms under the control of suitable commission formed by Officers fully qualified technically and otherwise.

(sgd) G. OXILIA

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