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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

MMLA SIGNALS

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MSG Center No : N 22/34/07

Classification : SECRET

Precedence : PRIORITY

From : FREEDOM signed SACMED

To : MMLA

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Date Time Rec'd : 06 NIL

Date Time Sent :

Reference NR : FX 38850

Cite : FHQAE

INFO HQ 38 VEH COY ⊙ 4 GROUP 38 VEH. COY ⊙ 14 VEH PARK 38 VEH. COY ⊙ ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE REINFORCEMENTS AND TRAINING CENTRE

SECRET ⊙

FIRST ⊙ releasing you under QAE release number 1687 for BLU attached ITC RTD ⊙ Quantity 2 cars light utility 4×2 class I D quantity 1 truck 15-cwt 4×2 class I D from 14 VEH. PARK ROME ⊙ Quantity 1 m/c 355 cc class I 9 VEH. PARK CAPUA ⊙ W.E. of this unit is CM/732/1 ⊙ Vehicle entitlement quantity 1 m/c quantity 3 cars light utility 4×2 quantity 1 truck 15-cwt G.S. 4×2 ⊙

SECOND ⊙ releasing you under QAE release number 4527 for BRITISH TRAINING INCR for ITC RTD ⊙ Quantity 3 m/c solo 350 cc class I from 9 Vehicle Park CAPUA quantity 1 car light utility 4×2 class I D from 14 VEH. PARK ROME ⊙ W.E. of this unit is CM/733/1 ⊙ vehicle entitlement quantity 3 m/c solo quantity 2 cars light utility 4×2

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SUBJECT :- Veh Signs

BLU RTC ICF
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(MMIA) ROME
Ref G/6A/28

26 Feb 45

LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (MMIA)

1. It is desired to have all RTC ICF vehs painted with the appropriate :-

(a) Fwn Sign

(b) Arm of Service Sign

(c) Unit veh Number.

2. Would you please inform this HQ :-

(a) Whether a special Fwn Flash has been authorised for the RTC ICF or whether the PICENO Div Flash should be used. In whichever case may a sketch of the Flash please be received.

(b) Whether it has been laid down what veh Signs should be used for Gruppi. 4526

(c) Whether any veh Unit numbers have been allotted RTC Units.

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(a) Fwn Sign

(b) Arm of Service Sign

(c) Unit veh Number.

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FROM : APHQ 2619194

TO : MMIA

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YOUR SD 2342 OF 25 (*) SIGNED SACMED (*) YOUR PARA SECOND, SEE THIRD SUB PARA OF PARA THREE IN PROPOSAL (*) YOUR PARA THIRD, AGREE UNITS SHOULD HAVE BRITISH EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES

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MESSAGE IN FORM

FROM: MMLA

TO: AFHQ FOR G3 OPS (FOR)

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP

ORIGINATOR'S NO SD 2342

2511 16 A

RESTRICTED

REFERENCE FX 27083 OF 1- MAR (.)

FIRST (.) DO NOT CONSIDER DISPOSITION OF COMBAT GROUP VEHICLES AS ITALIAN RESPONSIBILITY (.)

SECOND (.) IF HOWEVER DECIDED TO EMPLOY ITALIAN PERSONNEL SHOULD/FOR EFFICIENT WORKING BE UNDER BRITISH CONTROL (.) RECOMMEND THEREFORE FORMATION OF INCREMENTS ONLY TO WORK UNDER BRITISH HQ (.)

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THIRD (.) IF FORMED CONSIDER SHOULD BE MX-ITI UNITS WITH BRITISH EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT

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AUTHENTICATED G P Wilkinson Major

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52 British Liaison Unit
Ref: BMB/4/18

Subject: Recovery Lorries.

To: D.A.D.M.E.,
M.M.I.A.

Reference your SS 619 dated 11 Feb 45, it is confirmed that the Gruppo di Comb. Legnano has two Scammell breakdown tractors, W.D. Numbers 5545246 and 5545253.

15 Feb 45

T.T. Bannon
Capt. B.A.O.C.
52 B.L.U.

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Subject :- Standing Orders for Drivers of Mechanical Vehicles. (Wheeled)

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C.
(L.F.S.A.C.)
ROME
Tel: 486081 EXT 326

SI/1103

16 Feb 45

To :- AFHQ. (for ST)

1. In reply to your AFHQ/1107/15/ST of 27 Dec 44.
2. This matter has now been considered by the sections interested at this HQ.
3. It is agreed that the preparation of an Italian edition of the above document would not be worth while.

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

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SIGNAL

FROM DADGE MMIA 11 1730 A

TO 52 HLU FOR MMS

SS 619 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED

PLEASE CONFIRM YOU ARE HOLDING 2 SCAMMELL RECOVERY VEHICLES AND

QUOTE W D NUMBERS

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED H J N Edwards Capt.

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FROM DAIMLER NMIA

TO 51 MLU for MMX
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D M C NAR OFFICE REPORTS MANY VEHICLES OF TYPES DETAILED BELOW MANUFACTURED DURING AUGUST MONTHS HAVE BEEN FOUND WITH DEFECTIVE HYDRAULIC BRAKES WALL-CYLINDER PISTON CUPS (.) THESE ARE OF SUBSTATIC MATERIAL AND SHRINK IN SERVICE ALLOWING FLUID (?) TO ESCAPE (.) ALWISH UNITS TO INSPECT WHERE YOU HAVE TROUBLE SUSPECTED REPORTING ALL CASES TO THIS K (.) RATHER CAN ESSENTIAL IN OPERATION (2 UNDECIPHERABLE WORDS) PENDING AVAILABILITY OF NATURAL RUBBER CUPS (.) VEHICLES AFFECTED ARE AUSTIN

3 TON 4 X 2 4 X 4 6 X 4

BEYOND 3 TON 4 X 2 4 X 4

IRANNER WIRELESS AMBULANCE UTILITY FULLMAN ALL FRONT BRAKE ONLY ( )

MORRIS 15 CWT 4 X 4

MORRIS 10 H P UTILITY FRONT AND REAR BRAKE (2)

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FROM ADVANCE ACTION

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AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHORR 261220A

To : GREEKCOL RAAC LFA MEDIA

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EXTREME CARE ESSENTIAL IN OPERATION (2 INDECIPHERABLE WORDS) PENDING AVAILABILITY OF NATURAL RUBBER CUPS.

VEHICLES AFFECTED ARE AUSTIN 3 TON 4X2 4X4 6X4 4516

BEDFORD 3 TON 4X2 4X4

HUMBER WIRELESS AMBULANCE UTILITY 4518 PULLMAN

ALL FRONT BRAKE ONLY.

MORRIS 15 CWT 4X4 MORRIS 10HP UTILITY

FRONT AND REAR BRAKE.

TILE DECIPHERED 270015A.

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TO MIIA

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IMMEDIATE ACTION TO TRACE FORD 3 TONNER

25604918 AS THIS VEHICLE IS URGENTLY REQUIRED

FOR USE IN OPERATIONS

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FOR EMIA LO (.) YOUR RA/4 OF 4 (.) FORD 3 TONNER A 5604910
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WHICH IS ITALIAN
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Subject :- Vehicles returned from 53 BLU.

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28 Jan. 45

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
Tel : 489081 EXT 325

To :- 53 BLU

1. Attached reports from 15 RVT, 38 vehicle Coy, RASC, on the condition of vehicles received from 53 BLU, are forward.-

2. It is requested that the subject matter of these reports be investigated and a report on the findings submitted to this HQ as soon as possible.-

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

JED/ag.

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C o p y

Subject :- Returned Vehicles. Ref:- 15FK/25/17.

C.O.,
38 Vehicle Coy.,RAOC., CMF.

Copy to: No.3 District.
O.C. No. 4 Vehicle Group.
M.M.L.A.

1. Under authority of L.A.E.N. signal 041854A - not to you - quoting AFHQ/8118/1/2(AB) of 30 nov. 44; 53 E.L.U. have been instructed to return low category vehicles, held surplus, to this Park for subsequent re-issue to Fifth Italian Combat Group.

2. Tehse vehicles have now started to arrive, and are in a very bad condition, which I feel cannot be attributed to fair usage. The following are quoted as examples :-

a) Matchless Solo M/Cycle. W.D. No. N.A. Frame No. 21774.

The only components of this machine received are as listed here - under :-

Frame
Oil Tank
Rear Mud Wing.
Half of Teledraulic Forks only.
Engine (U/s. and cannibalised).
Horn.
Chain Guard.

Six other M/Cycles which were issued as Class II and are now heavily cannibalised.

b) Bedford 3 ton 4x2 G.S. W.D.No. 205706.

Engine Block only, wedged upside down, between first and second chassis cross members.
Steering Box stripped and left hanging.
Radiator thrown on top of engine block.
Front assembly and bumper etc., completely deficient.
Cab completely stripped.
Gearbox deficient.
Prop.Shaft hanging and tied to chassis with wire.
Petrol tank deficient.
Brake system stripped out.
Front tyres unserviceable.

3. May I please suggest that this should be taken up very strongly with the appropriate authorities, and may I also please be instructed whether the vehicles should be evacuated to Salvage in the normal way.

S/ ??????
Capt., RAOC.,
O.C., 15 R.T.P.;
38 Vehicle Coy,RAOC. CMF.

Field.
8 Jan. 45
LGP/ML

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Subject : Vehicles Handed in by D.L.U. Ref: 15PK/25/33.

O.C.,
3E Vehicle Coy., RAOC.,CMF.

Copy to:- HQ No. 3 District.
O.C., No. 4 Vehicle Group.
M.M.I.A.

1. Further to my 15PK/25/17 dated 8/1/45.-

2. Two further vehicles have been inspected by me today,and the following are the results :-

Lorry 3 ton 4x2 G.S. Dodge. W.D.No. S652732. Mileage. 10,000.

Front end of Chassis damaged.
Front of vehicle smashed in.
Body tool boxes deficient.
Instrument panel cannabalised.
Left hand rear tyre and tube deficient.
This vehicle had been towed for about 40 miles on the wheel rim, with consequent damage to rim and differential housing.

3. Lorry 3 ton 4x2 G.S. Dodge. W.D.No.5372105. Mileage. 10,000.

Front end of vehicle very badly damaged .
Engine heavily cannibalised and components replaced haphazardly, without any attempt having been made to secure them.
This vehicle too, had been towed for a considerable distance on the rear wheel rims with consequent damage to rims and differential housing.

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4. It is obvious from inspection of these vehicles, that much of the damage caused to them must be considered as wilful, and I would suggest that very strong steps should be taken.

5. In this present condition it is a sheer waste of time to issue the vehicles for re-equipping No.5 Italian Combat Group, and I suggest that they be passed through for repair in the normal way.

6. May I have your observations please.

S/ ???????
Capt., RAOC.,
O.C., 15 R.V.P.
3E Vehicle Coy.,RAOC.,CMF.

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FROM 50 BLU
TO MMIA
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RA/4 RESTRICTED SMRE HAVE COMMMUNICATED TO 35
ARTY RGT THAT FORD 3 TONNER Z 5604910 IS IN WKSHOPS DESCRIBED
AS 8 REME WKSHOPS ROME AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT INVOLVING
MINOR DAMAGE TO VEHICLE ON DEC 24 . DRIVER SHOULD BE WITH VEH.
CAN YOU TRACE VEHICLE AND REPORT POSITION REF OF SMRE LETTER
TO 35 ARMY REGMT IS MIN DELLA GUERRA DIREZIONE
GENERALE DELA MOTORIZAZZIONE 5 JANUARY
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SUBJECT:- Surplus British Vehicles

To:- Q(AS), AFHQ.

From:- British Liaison Unit. CMF.
9 Jun 43
3/7/38

Reference your F479153 of 4 Jun 43.

Herewith return of all former C & L vehicles held by HQ Lemnos:-

Appendix 'A' = Roadworthy Vehs for return to AVF
Appendix 'B' = Un-roadworthy vehs for return to AVF
Appendix 'C' = Vehs earmarked for R.A.O., I.C.F.
Appendix 'D' = Vehs to be retained against MS.

Vehs listed on Appendices 'A' & 'B' have NOT yet been returned to 408 AVF, but an order will be given to Lemnos to return them forthwith.

Vehicles listed on Appendix 'C' have been earmarked for R.A.O., I.C.F. under arrangements made by Col Fideley - MMLA.

Vehicles listed on Appendix 'D' are the vehicles selected to be retained against the Lemnos's T.E. as per your AFHQ/8118/1/Q(AS) dated 18 Dec 44.

Major,
for

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMLA)

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Appendix A

SPECIAL MILITARY VEHICLES TO BE DISPOSED.

LIST OF NON-MILITARY VEHICLES WHICH ARE TO BE RETAINED AS
408 RVP

TYPE	MAKE	ID NUMBER
Car 5 cwt 4x4	WILLYS	4769626
"	WILLYS	5308581
"	WILLYS	3625999
Car 2 seater 4x2	STANDARD	5245365
"	STANDARD	5243863
"	AUSTIN	5288495
"	AUSTIN	5334807
Truck 15 cwt GS	DODGE	4741025
"	DODGE	5181742
"	DODGE	5183875
"	DODGE	5625089
"	DODGE	5625069
"	FORD	4980489
"	FORD	5319968
Lorry 3 ton GS	DODGE	5175746
"	DODGE	5264743
"	DODGE	5269363
"	DODGE	5314566
"	DODGE	5315829
"	DODGE	5321195
"	DODGE	5321984
"	DODGE	5372099
"	DODGE	5372108
"	DODGE	5372136 4510
"	DODGE	5603574
"	DODGE	5603522
"	DODGE	5603584
"	DODGE	5603586
"	DODGE	5604495
"	DODGE	5604496
"	DODGE	5604498

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"	STANDARD	5245365
"	STANDARD	5243865
"	AUSTIN	5288495
"	AUSTIN	5394807
Truck 15 cwt GS	DODGE	4741025
"	DODGE	5181724
"	DODGE	5183875
"	DODGE	5625089
"	DODGE	5625069
"	FORD	4980489
"	FORD	5319968
Lorry 3 ton GS	DODGE	5175746
"	DODGE	5264743
"	DODGE	5265363
"	DODGE	5314366
"	DODGE	5319829
"	DODGE	5321193
"	DODGE	5321984
"	DODGE	5372099
"	DODGE	5372108
"	DODGE	5372136 4510
"	DODGE	5603574
"	DODGE	5603622
"	DODGE	5603684
"	DODGE	5603686
"	DODGE	5604495
"	DODGE	5604496
"	DODGE	5604498
"	DODGE	5604561
"	DODGE	5604571
"	DODGE	5604590
"	DODGE	5604595
"	DODGE	5605232
"	DODGE	5605282
"	DODGE	5619201
"	DODGE	5620161
"	DODGE	5620223
"	DODGE	5620372
"	DODGE	5620437
"	DODGE	5649618
"	DODGE	5652287
"	DODGE	5652344
"	DODGE	5652765
"	DODGE	5652792
"	DODGE	5652843

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TYPE	MAKE	ED NUMBER
Lorry } ton GS	DODGE	5652957
"	DODGE	5652858
"	DODGE	5652967
"	DODGE	5653000
"	DODGE	5653382
"	DODGE	5653569
"	DODGE	5654629
"	DODGE	5655238
"	FORD	5172466
"	MACK	4952424
"	MACK	4952425
15 cwt Water	DODGE	5181687
Motor cycle solo	B.S.A.	4704321
"	B.S.A.	5122959
"	MAUCHLESS	4837768
"	MAUCHLESS	5261156
"	MAUCHLESS	5261341
"	MAUCHLESS	5261633
"	MAUCHLESS	5261682
"	MAUCHLESS	5261706
"	MAUCHLESS	5261815
"	MAUCHLESS	4839175
"	TRIUMPH	4852533
"	TRIUMPH	4853869
"	TRIUMPH	5206694
"	TRIUMPH	5207296
"	TRIUMPH	5272758
"	TRIUMPH	5273090
"	TRIUMPH	5274017
"	TRIUMPH	5274103
"	TRIUMPH	5274022
Trailer Water		5158565
"		5158582
"		5158637
"		5160831
"		5487671

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"		AUBURN	5394954
Trucks 15 cwt to 2T		DODGE	4178552
"		DODGE	4737102
"		DODGE	4743157
"		DODGE	4743560
"		DODGE	4981669
"		DODGE	5181765
"		DODGE	5441729
"		DODGE	5481511
"		DODGE	5483651
"		DODGE	5523582
"		FORD	5614973
"		FORD	5719454
"		STUDEBAKER	4833260
"		CHEVROLET	4028532
Lorry 3 ton 6T		DODGE	5173703
"		DODGE	5[illegible]787
"		DODGE	5[illegible]1549
"		DODGE	5318586
"		DODGE	5317136
"		DODGE	5378063
"		DODGE	5375141
"		DODGE	5503396
"		DODGE	5604166
"		DODGE	5604354
"		DODGE	5619279
"		DODGE	5633337
"		DODGE	5648015
"		DODGE	5652855
"		DODGE	5652755
"		DODGE	5653771
"		DODGE	5655933
"		DODGE	5652079
"		DODGE	5652093
"		DODGE	5652118
"		DODGE	5653212
"		DODGE	5603483
"		DODGE	5654862
"		DODGE	5655132
"		DODGE	5655263
"		CHEVROLET	1328593
"		BEDFORD	4667920
"		DODGE	5374137

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TYPE	MAKE	WD NUMBER
Motor cycle solo	BSA	4703253
"	BSA	4753790
"	BSA	4755517
"	BSA	4864700
"	BSA	5122928
"	MATCHLESS	4689010
"	MATCHLESS	5261244
"	MATCHLESS	5261626
"	TRIUMPH	4852800
"	TRIUMPH	5205257
"	TRIUMPH	5272855
"	TRIUMPH	5273007
"	TRIUMPH	5274229
"	TRIUMPH	5423623

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APPENDIX 'C'

SURPLUS BRITISH VEHICLES OF "LUGNANO" GRUPPO

LIST OF VEHICLES EARMARKED FOR - H.Q.C., I.C.F.

TYPE	MAKE.	S.D.NUMBER.
Lorry 3 ton GS	DODGE	5175601
" "	DODGE	5228302
" "	DODGE	5264694
" "	DODGE	5317185
" "	DODGE	5372016
" "	DODGE	5403109
" "	DODGE	5603509
" "	DODGE	5603528
" "	DODGE	5604491
" "	DODGE	5605156
" "	DODGE	5648917
" "	DODGE	5652212
" "	DODGE	5652779
" "	DODGE	5652838
" "	DODGE	5652864
" "	DODGE	5652865
" "	DODGE	5653143
" "	DODGE	5653149
" "	DODGE	5653231
" "	DODGE	5654806

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APPENDIX 'D'

SURPLUS BRITISH VEHICLES OF DECRANO GRUPPO.

LIST OF VEHICLES WHICH ARE TO BE RETAINED AGAINST WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

TYPE	MAKE	NO NUMBER
Truck 15 cwt GS	DODGE	5642459
" "	DODGE	5625165
" "	DODGE	5625256
" "	DODGE	5625640
" "	DODGE	5627485
" "	DODGE	5628041
" "	DODGE	5629071
" "	FORD	5319970
Lorry 3 ton GS	DODGE	5632077
"	DODGE	5620456
"	DODGE	56 2086
"	DODGE	4807980
"	DODGE	5632142
"	DODGE	5605189
"	DODGE	5653834
"	DODGE	5653200
"	DODGE	5605152
"	DODGE	5602979
"	DODGE	5632335
"	DODGE	5653163
"	DODGE	5603843
Truck 15 cwt Water	DODGE	4976453
Lorry 3 ton Water	DODGE	5687104
"	DODGE	5686049
Cars 5 cwt 4x4	WILLYS	5633107
"	WILLYS	5307379
"	WILLYS	5631286
"	WILLYS	5637995
"	WILLYS	5661272
"	WILLYS	5637992
Motor Cycle Solo	HARLEY	5261617
"	HARLEY	5261699
"	HARLEY	5261286
"	HARLEY	5261287

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	DODGE	5627489
	DODGE	5622004
	DODGE	5629071
	FORD	5319970
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Truck 15 cwt 4x4wd	DODGE	4976463
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SUBJECT: Supervision of Driving and Maintenance. 1544/h/G(SD)

15 Dec 44

To: HQ AAI (G-SD)

Reference 50 HAA letter No. G/2 dated 12 Dec 44.

1. The poor standard of maintenance of British MT held by the FIRMAJ Group has already been brought to the notice of this HQ.

2. The retention of a British team of one officer and twelve ORs for supervision of maintenance will do much to ensure a higher standard in this respect.

It is therefore strongly recommended that the proposal of 50 HAA be agreed by you.

Colonel,
AA & GD,
No. 1 District.

G.H.F.
BLT/JAR

Copies to: Firth Army.
13 Corps.
HQAA. ——
HQAA LO No. 1 District.
50 HAA

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Subject : Supervision of Driving and Maintenance.

50 British Liaison Unit.

Ref Q/2.

12 Dec. 44.

A.A.I. G (SD).
5 Army.
13 Corps.
1 Dist.
M.M.I.A.

1. Care and maintenance of British vehicles issued to this I C G remains, and is apparently likely to remain, of a low standard.

2. Road discipline is weak and requires constant checking.

3. It is considered that the addition to the B.L.U. of a small team of British personnel for continuous advice on and supervision over these questions would pay a good dividend in the life and availability of vehicles of the Group.

4. It is suggested that a team of one Officer and twelve O.Rs (incl a proportion of NCOs) would be suitable for the purpose.

5. The addition could be subject to revision, say, every three months.

6. Four R.A.S.C. Officers, twenty four R.A.S.C. O.Rs and seventy R.A. O.Rs are at present on loan to the B.L.U..

7. It is requested that authority be given to retain of these one Officer R.A.S.C. and twelve O.Rs R.A..

8. An entirely suitable team of volunteers can be found from present personnel.

F Ellacombe Major
Lt Col.
G.S.

C.M.F.
AMCS/IGD.

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From D.A.D.M.E. (.)
Utility HLR'D - Awaiting Release replace vehicle by AFHQ (.)
Driver and vehicle temporarily attached this HQ per AFHQ
instructions (.) This information has already been communicated
to you.

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ROUTINE

A.D.M. Barnes Capt.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MEDIA

TO : 53 BLT FOR MEDIA LO
H/TD MINISTRY OF WAR.

PRIORITY FOR MEDIA LO.

(SC/1050)

200.12 1810

RESTRICTED

SC/1019 (.) IN REPLY TO LETTER 24 NOV FROM PHILIP SERVICE BUREAU OF SERIOUS ITALIAN EQUIPMENT AND LIST ATTACHED (.) WE WISH HIRED LOCAL CIVILIAN VEHICLES OF FOLGORE GROUP TO BE CONCENTRATED BY ITALIAN BARRACKS JUST OUTSIDE S. MARIA DI CAPUA VETERE ON CAPUA ROAD TO AWAIT ATTENTION FROM MEDICAL RIDGE PARK OFFICERS FROM SARDINIA ON THE NEW YEAR (.) PLEASE EXAMINE EVACUATION PROBLEM WITH MLO AND DIVISIONS AND REPORT PROGRESS (.) VEHICLES CONCERNED WILL PASS ON TO CHARGE OF 10 AUTHORI NAPLES ON ARRIVAL IN PARK AND PLEASE TELEPHONE CONTACT ALSO MEDIA LO NAPLES TO ENSURE THAT 10 AUTHORI PROVIDE ADEQUATE DETACHMENT TO CARRY OUT REMUNERATIVE GUARDING ARRANGEMENTS ETC.

INTERNAL.

REPED SEC. ———

AQ.

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Lt. Col.

Also refers to our

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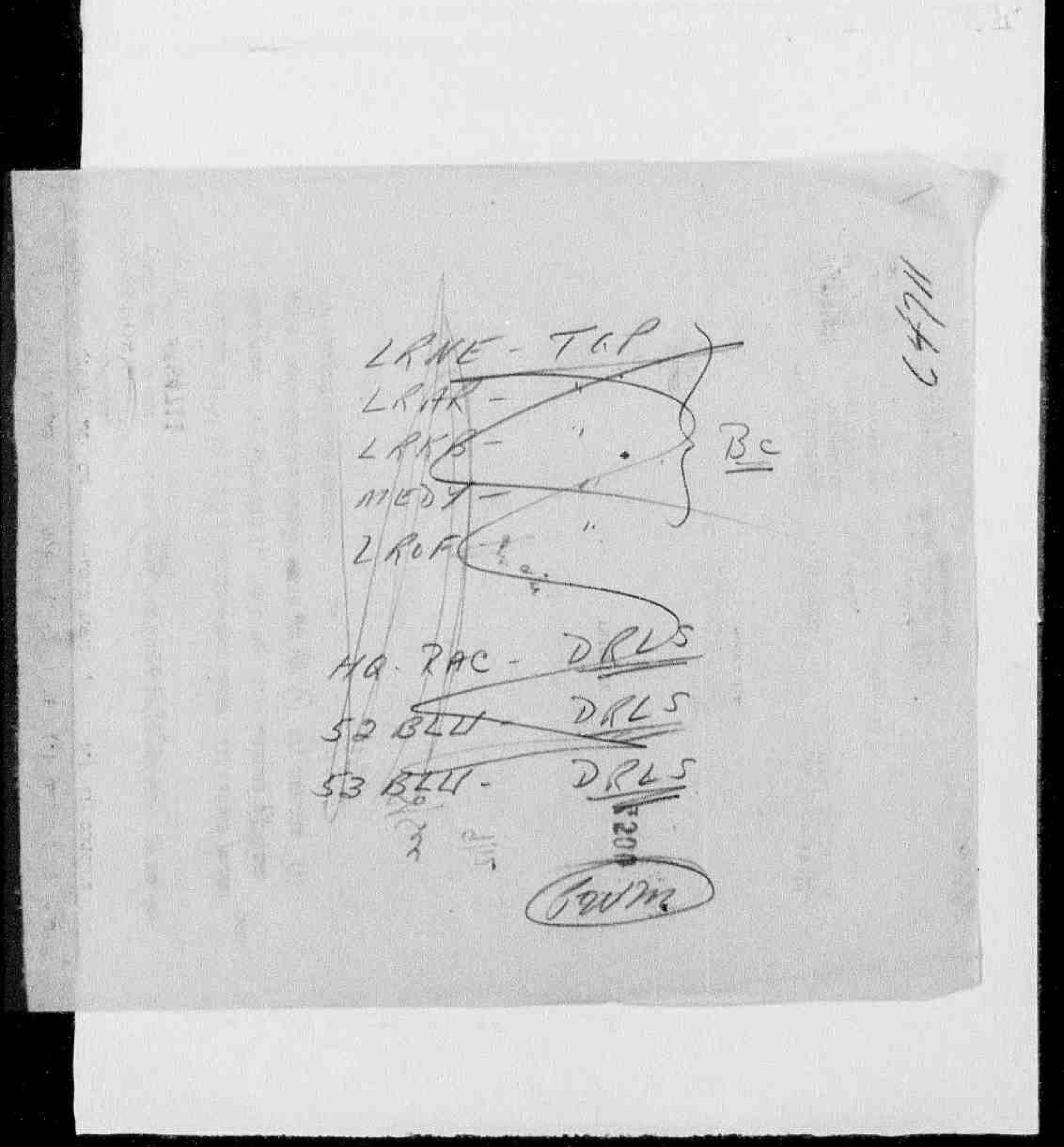

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SUBJECT: - Issue of Directives to Italian Combat Gps

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tele:- FIELD 75

2002/2/G(Trg)

26 Nov 44

CG FIFTH ARMY (For Brit Incr)
13 Corps
1 District
55 Area (2) (incl 1 for CC Eighth Army Team)
NALA
50 BLU csrs of 37 Bench Gp

Copy to:- G(Ops) SE
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A Ord
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RA Pro
RE HQ Inf
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Ref this HQ 2004/40/G(Trg) dated 22 Nov 44.

At the conclusion of the conference on Trg FRIULI Gp it is proposed to discuss the desirability of issuing a series of directives to the Italian Combat Gps. Notes on this subject are attached at Appx 'A'.

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[signature]

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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Annex 'A' to 2002/2/G(Trg) dated ... Nov 44

ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS

BRITISH DIRECTIVES

INTRODUCTION

1. The Italian Combat Gps were formed on the principle that they would operate on Italian organisation and methods modified only so far as was found necessary for the use of British equipment.

2. It has been found in practice during the preliminary trg period of the first 6 gps that:-

(a) Italian org has sometimes been inferior to British and has been judged unsatisfactory by British standards.

(b) Org and methods of the Combat Gps have therefore in some cases had to be modified to meet British requirements.

3. It has been suggested that a series of Directives describing Basic Principles should be produced for the guidance of officers of the Combat Gps.

OBJECTS OF THIS PART OF THE CONFERENCE

4. (a) To decide whether such a series of Directives would be of value, and if so

(b) to decide whether the directives should be prepared now in the light of the limited experience gained in the preliminary trg of the first gps, or should be deferred until further experience has been obtained from actual operations.

(c) To define briefly the scope of the Directives.

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(d) To define the procedure for co-ord and issue of the Directives.

(e) To decide what the first series should comprise and the responsibility for preparation.

FORM OF THE DIRECTIVES

5. The Directives might resemble the British Fd Service Pocket Book in an abbreviated form covering basic principles only. It is for consideration whether the series might be divided into two parts:-

(a) For regimental officers

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(b) For staff officers

INFORMATION FROM WHICH DIRECTIVES SHOULD BE COMPILED

6. It is apparent that in order that these pamphlets should be practicable and simple the following information should be produced:-

(a) By MGA. Org on which the Gps were based and methods generally used by the Italian Army.

(b) By MAG and Branches concerned. Modifications which have been judged necessary in the light of experience.

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SCOPE

7. Should be limited to Basic Principles of org and method. Technical and tactical aspects will be covered by special pamphlets and by instruction at schools and within units.

CO-ORD AND ISSUE OF DIRECTIVES

8. The procedure for co-ordinating the Directives before issue should be:-

(a) Directives initiated by MMA to be sent through G(Trg) and in draft form for approval by the Branch or Service concerned.

(b) Directives initiated by HQ AAI should be sent through G(Trg) and to MMA for checking as to suitability for use by Italians.

(c) The Directives, when agreed between MMA and AAI should be translated into Italian and published by the Italian War Ministry.

SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED

9. A suggested list is att at Appx 'B'. It may be considered desirable to amend this list in the light of further experience.

TIME FACTOR

10. If it is agreed that these Directives should be prepared, the following points should be considered in deciding whether to prepare them now or later in the light of future experience.

(a) Only limited experience from preliminary try of first two ops is now available.

(b) There will be a time-lag of some weeks before issue.

(c) Experience in ops may suggest that org and/or methods may require revision.

(d) If preparation is delayed, however, each gp and MMA is likely to reach own conclusions and compromises. Uniformity in principle may then be lost.

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

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6.	Training	G(Trg)
7.	Infantry	HQ Inf
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9.	Field Engineers	RE
10.	Signals	X
11.	Liaison	MMIA
12.	Casualties	MMIA
13.	Reinforcements	MMIA
14.	Medical Services	MMIA
15.	Personal Services	MMIA
16.	Welfare	MMIA
17.	Accommodation	'Q'
18.	Movement	Mov
19.	Ammunition	

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17.	Accommodation	'Q'
18.	Movement	Mov
19.	Ammunition	Ord through 'Q'
20.	Equipment	MMIA
21.	Supplies	MMIA
22.	Mechanical Engineers	MMIA
23.	Military Police	MMIA

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Q(AE) ADMIN INSTRUCTION NO. 5.

DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES TO BASE REPAIR OR SALVAGE.

1. Movements from Operational Zone.

(a) Class VI "A" and "B" vehicles will not be evacuated from the operational zone.

(b) All other repairable vehicles will be evacuated to RVPs in the L of C Area as opportunities permit and in the priority in which they are required for repair. Priority programme of repair of vehicles by REME is a Q(AE) responsibility.

2. Evacuation of vehicles in L of C Area

(a) Vehicles HLR will be evacuated to the nearest Returned Vehicle Park.

(b) Vehicles in RVPs will be classified by R&AE for subsequent calling in and repair by Base Workshops in accordance with priority programme laid down by Q(AE).

(c) Class VI vehicles will be evacuated from RVPs to Vehicle Disposal Depots for breaking down and recovery of spares. Whenever practicable Vehicle Disposal Depots will be sited adjacent to RVPs.

3. Breaking down of vehicles in Base and L of C Area.

Class VI 'A' and 'B' vehicles are now being broken down by :

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(a) From Vehicle Disposal Unit Depots

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Items, other than engine assemblies and associated sub assemblies such as carburettors, fuel pumps, etc., and which are detailed on the schedules of assemblies and parts to be recovered from 'A' and 'B' vehicles by Vehicle Disposal Units, will be issued by OC Depot to Units on production of an Ordnance Issue Voucher showing non-availability at the CFP, AGD or BGD on which the unit is based for supply. No other spares will be issued from these depots.

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4. Procedure for writing off Equipments

In order that provision can be adjusted it is important that vehicles which are beyond repair should be written off. The information that equipment has been written off will be sent to Q(MG),4 GHQ, Middle East, through Ord channels. Ord, AFHQ, will issue instructions through Service channels recording the necessary documentation.

Brigadier,
for Major General, G-4(S).

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Brigadier,
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Vehicle Park.

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Subject:- Operation of Vehicle Census

SECRET

ST/100.

27 Nov 44.

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).
ROME.
tel: ROME AG9001 EXT 526.

To: ALL MMIA LOs (including LOs with Combat Groups)
War Ministry.
Internal Distribution MMIA HQ.

1. In pursuance of MMIA Administrative Instruction No 14, it is the intention now to operate a Census of all vehicles of Italian origin in present possession of units of the Italian Army.

2. The Census will be operated as follows:-

Responsibility For Completion of Census Forms And Return Of One Copy Of Each Census Form To Ministry of War -	For Italian Army Vehicles In Possession At Date Of Census Of -	Responsibility For Supervision Of Census And Return of One Copy Of Each Census Form to MMIA HQ.
Comando Campania	-Comando and dependent units. -Gruppi di Combattimento Legnano, Folgore, Mantova.	MMIA LO, Naples. " " "
Comando Truppe Ausiliare Ovest (212 Divisione)	212 Division.	MMIA LO, Naples
Comando 227 Divisione	227 Division	MMIA LO, 3 District.
Comando Puglia & Lucania	Comando and dependent units. 230 Division.	MMIA LO, 4493
Comando Calabria	Comando and dependent units.	MMIA LO, Taranto.
Comando Sicilia	All Italian Army units on island.	MMIA LO, Sicily.
Comando Sardegna	All Italian Army units on island.	MMIA LO, Sardinia.

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Comando Truppe Ausiliarie Ovest (212 Divisione)	212 Division.	MMIA LO, Naples
Comando 227 Divisione	227 Division	MMIA LO, 7 District.
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Comando Sardegna	All Italian Army units on island.	MMIA LO, Sardinia.
Comando 210 Division	Comando and dependent units.	MMIA LO, Rear 5 Army.
Comando 231 Division	Comando and dependent units.	MMIA LO, Brit. Incr. 5 Army.
Comando 209 Division	Comando and dependent units. Any Gruppi di Combattimento in area during December.	MMIA LO, 1 District.
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Comando 226 Division	Comando and dependent units. Any Gruppi di Combattimento in area during December.	MMLA LO, Rear 8 Army.
Comando Lazio	Comando and dependent units but not including any 209 Div vehicles in Comando Lazio area.	MMLA HQ.
Various War Ministry Sections.	Respective Sections.	MMLA HQ.

3. Instructions as to the operation of the Census have been issued by War Ministry to all the Italian Commands above specified in letter 'Oggetto: Istruzione Amministrativa N.14 Censimento Autoveicoli' ref. 305084/2/CA/313/VI/5 dated 22 Nov 44, which is enclosed herewith for transmission by MMLA LOs to respective Italian Commands.

4. Supplies of printed Census Forms (in estimated proportions of respective requirements) are sent herewith to MMLA LOs.

5. Immediately on receipt of this letter MMLA LOs will make contact with the Italian Commands as specified in para 2, hand over the War Ministry letter quoted in para 3, issue Census Forms (in the event that quantities are insufficient extra supplies should be arranged locally by mimeograph, or printing if convenient).

6. Thereafter LOs will liaise with Commands as specified to satisfy themselves that the Census will be promptly, accurately and completely carried out by the Italian Staffs concerned.

7. All completed Census Forms should reach MMLA HQ from LOs not later than 31 Dec 44. Italian Staffs concerned should not be permitted to hold up the main bulk of completed Forms while waiting for stragglers, but if incomplete batches are sent forward by LOs covering letter should clearly state which units are outstanding.

8. MMLA LOs should note the following general and individual points:-

(a) Each Census Form should have date of compilation entered

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Vehicle Group title letter should be entered at top right hand corner of each Form

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(c) MMIA Administrative Instruction No 14 para 3(g) states that VOR beyond local repair facilities or for lack of tyres/tubes will be distinguished by underlining in RED the Italian Registration No. In addition VOR which are judged altogether not worth repair should be circled in RED (this applies particularly to Census Forms from units operating VOR Parks). Please instruct respective Comandi accordingly.

(d) Vehicles in possession of CC.RR. will be dealt with as follows. Italian Army vehicles bearing Regio Esercito number-plates operated by CC.RR. will be included in the Census. Other vehicles operated by CC.RR. will not be included.

(e) Italian Army vehicles on loan to Italian Navy or Air Force but still on charge of Army will be included.

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(f) For MGLA LO. Bari. For the present no action should be taken to operate the Census on the vehicles of Picano Division. Separate instructions will follow subsequently. Please inform Comando Puglia that para VI(c) of War Ministry letter herewith is modified accordingly.

(g) For MGLA LOs Naples - Taranto - 1 District - Rear 8 Army.

Please note that dispositions in para 2 of present letter for operation of the Census for Italian Army vehicles (if any) of Friuli - Cremona - Legnano - Folgore - Mantova Divisions supersede para VI(b) and (c) of War Ministry letter herewith. Please inform respective comandi accordingly.

(h) For MGLA LO Sardinia.

It is desirable that the reductions in vehicle establishments in Sardinia instructed in MGLA HQ letter AQ/5 of 12 Nov 44 to you and turning-in to Park or Workshops of resultant surplus vehicles should be substantially completed before the Census is operated. Please ensure the best possible dispositions towards this object.

(j) For MGLA LO, Sicily. Your 994 of 11 Nov 44 is answered as follows:- Your para 2(a) by 8(d) of present letter, 2(b) by 8(c), 2(c) by 7, 2(d) by 10 below.

9. Separate and subsequent instructions will be issued in implementation of the remaining parts of Instruction No 14 including the enforcement of the Windshield Label control scheme. Para 6 of the Instruction however is effective forthwith on taking of the Census. Please emphasise this to Commands and units.

10. Certain Italian Army vehicles not in present possession of Italian Army units will tend to escape the Census (though not the subsequent control scheme). Any information however, particularly lists of Registration Numbers of such vehicles that can be readily collected by MGLA LOs should be forwarded. (This is known to apply particularly to Sicily, but may arise elsewhere also. MGLA LO Sicily please note Italian Army vehicles captured prior to the Armistice and now operated by ENT are not Italian Army property and therefore need not be reported. Any Italian Army vehicles handed over to or acquired by ENT or any other organisation or individual subsequently to the Armistice are however probably Italian Army property and should therefore be reported if readily ascertainable.

11. Difficulties, uncertainties or problems of procedure that may arise reference this operation not foreseen and covered by Instruction No 14 and/or this letter should be referred by telephone or signal to this HQ.

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12. ACK by signal.

B L Perceval.

B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col. AD/ST.
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

OCP/JMD

Lia / Date 29/11 [illegible]

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BT/1004 dated 27 Nov 44.

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Subject:- Assignment of Vehicles
To Autotrappello S.M.R.E.

ST/1024/9

16 Nov 44.

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

To: Ufficio Automobilismo, S.M.R.E.

Copy: Spec Sec MMIA.
DA(MC) 51 MLO
G Liaison Officer MMIA.

1. In reply to your 6/ undated reference transfer of 4 passenger cars from Cremona Division to Autodrappello S.M.R.E.

2. Please state what are the Targa Nos of the vehicles whose transfer is proposed.

3. According to latest information from DA(MC) 51 MLO (Q2/2 of 6 Nov 44) the only Italian Army vehicles at present held by Cremona Division are 9 Light Utilities (presumably SPA 39 or equivalent) and 29 Motorcycles.

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

OCP/JMD

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Subject:- Withdrawal of Italian Vehicles

BT/1030
13 Nov 44

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MEDITERRANEAN).
tel: Rome 489001 EXT 526.

To: PACIFIC 51 MED.

Copy: Land Sec HQ MEDITERRANEAN. ←

Reference your G2/2 dated 6 Nov 44.

1. It is regretted that all Italian transport, with the possible exception of m/c's must be withdrawn. It is urgently required for maintenance at Naples, which indirectly is for the benefit of Gruppi.

2. There is no objection to your retention of motor cycles against the deficiencies in cars.

3. Please advise if acceptable.

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

OCP/JMD

ADS.T / Ref. our conversation. I should be pleased if you could collect 4 staff cars and 4 Dispatch Riders. I have told them to report to them at S.H.A.E. Cdr Pickering 16/11 WP WP 15 Nov.

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SUBJECT: Transport for Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.I.L.O.)
S/G259/2
13 Nov 44

TO : A.F.H.Q.

Copy for: 3 District
52, 53 MLU
M.M.T.

1. The issue of the new British M.T. Vehicles to the FEIBERT and CHEMICA Combat Groups in one batch, before sufficient men were trained to drive and maintain them, resulted in the loss or damage of a large number of new vehicles and the necessity of emergency measures to provide drivers from outside sources at the last moment.

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

2. The case of the second two groups (ZECHAR and FULGAR) now beginning training in the FIRENZE 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 them, losses would be avoided and a feeling of confidence and better morale would be engendered.

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D.M.T.

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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.

B.F. 25 Nov if no reply W.F.

Sigfried L. Browning

Major General
D.M.T.A.

Internal Distribution:

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D.A.D.M.T.

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SUBJECT: Transport for Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub-Area, A.C.
(E. of I.A.)
S/G.799/2
13 Nov 44

TO : A.A.F.H.Q.

Copy for 3 District
52, 53 HLB
R.A.F.

1. The issue of the new British H.D. Vehicles to the [redacted] and [redacted] Combat Groups in one batch, before sufficient men were trained to drive and maintain them, resulted in the loss or damage of a large number of new vehicles and the necessity of emergency measures to provide drivers from outside sources at the last moment.

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2. The case of the [redacted] two groups ([redacted] and [redacted]) now beginning training in the [redacted] 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.

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4. Your support of this proposal and the consequent release of say 300 vehicles per week for the next six weeks is earnestly requested.

Leyland L Beaumont
Major General
A.A.G.

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D.A.D.S.T.

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To AFHQ

Subject. Transport for Combat groups

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1. The issue of the new British W.E. vehicles to the Fifth & Common Combat groups in one batch, before sufficient drivers were trained to drive & maintain them, resulted in the loss or damage of a large number of new vehicles & the necessity of emergency measures to provide drivers from outside sources at the last moment.

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III

Special Section

I agree. At the same time AFHQ should be informed of the probable results of present methods, in writing.

If as a matter for Special Section so wish, I think -

RHD
LTG

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C : Rep attached.

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The appreciation is concurred and your decision regarding occupation of concentration to support Brooks' expressed wishes. There is danger of a repetition of the trouble one hears that could possibly contain something can be done to regulate supply of ordinary pass passes outside knowing of duties to look care of them

RKH 12/11

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Lieut. I think this is agreed, but in view of para 1. do you want me to trouble AFHQ again? I feel it is like trying to get blood out of a stone

JH 12/11

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1. ADST

2. Special Section

3. A/Q

Is it for NFIA to intervene?

If so who will Act?

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

DIVISIONE VESTIARIO - EQUIPAGGIAMENTO, CASERMAGGIO E COMBUSTIBILI

Roma, 23 MAG 1945

Sezione 2ª

Prot. N° 88(2/V. Caserme

Risposta al f° del

N°

Div. Ser.

Oggetto: Materiali giacenti nella caserma "Pietralata".

Al LAND FORCES SUD
COMMISSION A.C. (MILAN)
IN ROMA

Il Comando Genio Militare di Roma ha ricuperato presso la caserma "Pietralata" n.1750 brande di ferro e non ha potuto procedere al ricupero di altre 450, pure colà esistenti, perchè il Comando del reparto Militare inglese, che occupa attualmente la caserma, non ne ha permesso il ritiro.

Roma

Tenuto conto della necessità di materiali del genere per le Forze Militari Italiane, specie per la sistemazione degli ospedali, si prega codesto Comando di volersi compiacere intervenire affinchè sia consentito, ove possibile, il ritiro delle 450 brande.

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p. IL MINISTRO

Subject :- Transport.

To :- H.Q., M.M.I.A.
A.F.H.Q. Q(AE).
D.M.T., A.F.H.Q.
3 District.

53 B.L.U.

Ref. Q 6 - 11

4 Nov. 44.

1. Ref AFHQ Q(AE) Admin Instr. No. 3 para 2 (a) of 17 Sep. 44.

2. On 31 Oct. G4 this H.Q. visited Q(AE) at AFHQ and discussed the provision of G 1098 transport to Combat Group FULGORE. Lt.Col. Sloan informed the G4 that this transport could not be supplied before at the earliest the first week in December and that the maintenance scale referred to in the above adm instr could not be supplied, before that date.

3. It cannot be pointed out too strongly that this programme will have disastrous results. The policy of issuing a group with a minimum number of low category vehicles until the issue of Cl 1 vehicles in large numbers in a short time when the group reaches its re-equipping date, is obviously wrong and should be avoided at all costs. The ideal would be a steady flow of Cl 1 vehicles issued in small numbers throughout the training period of the group and a final issue to complete to scale during the re-equipping period.

4. The present position is as follows :-

(a) Considerable difficulty is being experienced in meeting the domestic requirements of this Combat Group with the tpt available. This is owing to the fact that it is all old Italian army tpt or low class British tpt and therefore a high percentage is off the road for want of repair facilities and spare parts.

(b) A considerable quantity of Ord stores have to be collected - clothing and training equipment: This involves tpt going to either Naples or Bari. These journeys are being done with tpt which is not roadworthy for such journeys.

(c) The Italian workshop repair facilities are still in the process of re-organising and are unable to cope with the large amount of work that is required of them.

(d) The training tpt collected recently has in certain cases had to be sent to workshops for repairs immediately on arrival.

5. It will be seen that by the provision of only a small part of the G 1098 scale of tpt the present position as shown in para 4 (a) and (b) above would be eased.

6. In addition the question of the provision of drivers arises. At present there are approx 350 driver deficiencies in this Combat Group. This figure is deficiencies by Italian standards and will almost certainly be increased by 75% to 100% when the men are attested by British standards.

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8. It is therefore suggested that the maintenance scale of tpt is provided immediately and if these Cl 1 vehicles are unavailable now or latest some reasonable time before the re-equipping date, that the re-equipment period be extended and subsequent date of readiness for operations of the group is postponed. This will allow the issue of small numbers of good vehicles complete with tools and equipment to units which will not receive further issues until it is quite certain that they can drive and maintain the vehicles they have already received.

9. Failure to adopt the scheme on these lines will undoubtedly lead to large numbers of Cl 1 vehicles being written off.

Your Comments on the above would be appreciated

L. H. Wooks

Lt. Col.
G.S.

see 98.

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SECRET.

SUBJECT:- Monthly Census of Vehicles and Controlled Stores as at 30 Nov 44.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
AFH/6510/ 1/ 2(AA).

7 Nov.44.

To:-.....

Reference: DOS Circular No.68.

1. Blank Census Forms 458 and 45C are being despatched to you in the quantities indicated on Appendix 'A' to this letter. Both these forms are reprints and must be used by all units for the Nov Census. Old forms in possession will be destroyed. The new Census Form 458 includes Rangefinders No.12.

2. Vehicle returns are required as usual and should be routed by the Units to the appropriate ADOS or DADOS with Census Forms 458 and 45C.

3. Census Forms 45C (CA), 45C (AA and SL) and Census Form - Radar Equipment, will be sent direct from this H.Q. to the Units concerned and returned by them direct to the appropriate addressees. The Radar Section on the reverse of Census Form 45C need not be completed.

4. Gummed labels are enclosed as usual.

5. A NIL return should be rendered as a brief note. In the case of 'A' Vehicles it should be included on the 'B' Vehicle Return.

6. In the distribution of unit vehicle returns O.Cs are requested to send the original copy to Q(AA)4 GHQ AAF.

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3. Census Forms 450 (Ca), 450 (Ac and SL) and Census Form - Radar Equipment, will be sent direct from this H.Q. to the Units concerned and returned by them direct to the appropriate addressees. The Radar Section on the reverse of Census Form 450 need not be completed.

4. Gummed labels are enclosed as usual.

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13. Welfare Wireless Sets. - A C.R.O. is in course of publication instructing units to render particulars of Welfare Wireless Sets in possession. The details called for, therefore, on page 7 of Census Form 45B distributed for the Nov census should NOT be completed by units under command AFHQ.

L. C. CONGREVE,
Major.
for Major General G-4(Pr).

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DISTRIBUTION OF AFHQ/6510/1/S(AF) DATED NOV 44

SECRET
Appx 'A'

Serial No.	Formation	For Distribution to	No. of forms forwarded. 45B	45C	No of parcels
1	DDOS North Africa District	Units administered	500	300	2
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3	DDOS No.3 District	" " incl 6 SA Armd Div Res Gp. & 3 Greek Mtn Bde	6000	600	18
4	HQ Land Forces Adriatic	Units administered	220	60	1
5	DDOS 8th Army Troops	" " incl 7 & 9 Armd Bdes & 3 Beach Gp	2000	400	6
6	DDOS III Corps	Units administered excl 2 Indep Para Bde	400	30	1
7	ADOS 5 Corps Tps	Units administered incl 25 Tk Bde	1200	100	4
8	ADOS 10 Corps Tps	Units administered	800	200	3
9	ADOS 13 Corps Tps	" " incl 1 Cdn Armd Bde	1200	100	4
10	ADOS 1 Cdn Corps Tps	Units administered incl 21 Tk Bde	825	190	3
11	ADOS 2 Polish Corps Tps	Units administered incl 2 Polish Armd Bde & 2 Polish Corps Sub, Area	600	100	2
12	DADOS 2 (N.Z.) E.O.D.	Units administered	200	20	1
13	ADOS Rome Area Comd.	" "	600	100	2
14	DDOS HQ 5 (US) Army Br increment	" " incl 21 & 37 Beach Gps, 60 Sub Area & Florence Command.	600	200	2
15	ADOS HQ 7 (US) Army Br Increment	Units administered	200	50	1
16	ADOS 1 Br Inf Div	" "	350	100	1
17	ADOS 1 Br Armd Div	16 Inf Bde only	60	20	1
18	ADOS 1 Cdn Inf Div	Units administered	320	84	1
19	ADOS 2 (NZ) Mixed Div	" "	350	100	1
20	ADOS 2 Corps Inf Div	" "	350	75	1
21	ADOS 4 Br Inf Div	" "	200	50	1
22	ADOS 4 Indian Inf Div	" "	280	100	1
23	ADOS 5 Cdn Armd Div	" "	150	75	1
24	ADOS 5 (Krasowa) Inf Div	" "	240	60	1
25	ADOS 6 Br Armd Div	" " incl 61 Inf Bde	300	60	1
26	ADOS 6 (SA) Armd Div	Units administered incl 24 Gds Bde	350	4480	1
27	7 Polish Reserve Div				

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7	ADCS 5 Corps Tps	excl 2 Indep Para Bde	400	30	1
		Units administered incl 25 Tk Bde	1200	100	4
8	ADCS 10 Corps Tps	Units administered	800	200	3
9	ADCS 13 Corps Tps	" " incl 1 Cdn Armd Bde	1200	100	4
10	ADCS 1 Cdn Corps Tps	Units administered incl 21 Tk Bde	825	150	3
11	ADCS 2 Polish Corps Tps	Units administered incl 2 Polish Armd Bde & 2 Polish Corps Sub, Area	600	100	2
12	DADCS 2 (N.Z.) E.C.D.	Units administered	200	20	1
13	ADCS Rome Aa Comd.	" "	500	100	2
14	DDCS Hq 5 (US) Army Br increment	" " incl 21 & 37 Beach Gps, 60 Sub Area & Florence Command.	600	200	2
15	ADCS Hq 7 (US) Army Br Increment	Units administered	200	50	1
16	ADCS 1 Br Inf Div	" "	350	100	1
17	ADCS 1 Br Armd Div	18 Inf Bde only	60	20	1
18	ADCS 1 Cdn Inf Div	Units administered	320	84	1
19	ADCS 2 (NZ) Mixed Div	" "	350	100	1
20	ADCS 3 Carp Inf Div	" "	350	75	1
21	ADCS 4 Br Inf Div	" "	300	50	1
22	ADCS 4 Indian Inf Div	" "	280	100	1
23	ADCS 5 Cdn Armd Div	" "	350	75	1
24	ADCS 5 (Krasowa) Inf Div	" "	240	80	1
25	ADCS 6 Br Armd Div	" " incl 61 Inf Bde	300	60	1
26	ADCS 6 (SA) Armd Div	Units administered incl 24 Gds Bde	350	4480	1
27	7 Polish Reserve Div added to DADCS HQ Base of 2 Polish Corps		300	75	1
28	ADCS 8 Ind Inf Div	Units administered	300	100	1
29	ADCS 10 Ind Inf Div	" " incl 43 Ind Lorried Inf Bde	350	75	1
30	ADCS 46 (Br) Inf Div	Units administered incl 2 Armd Bde	350	100	1
31	ADCS 56 (Br) Inf Div	Units administered	300	100	1
32	ADCS 78 (Br) Inf Div	" "	240	70	1
33	50 B.L.U.	" "	150	10	1
34	51 B.L.U.	" "	150	10	1
35	52 B.L.U.	" "	160	15	1
36	53 B.L.U.	" "	150	10	1
37	'E' B.L.U.	" "			
38	'F' B.L.U.	" "			
39	2 Ind Para Bde	" "	100	10	1

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RECEIPT FORM

To: Q(AE) Branch,
A.F.H.Q.,
C.M.F.

Substitute A.F. A.16.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of AHFQ/6510/1/Q(AE) dated 7 Nov. 44 ,
(copies) and parcels of blank census forms.

2. The following quantities of blank forms are required to cover all units under administration for the 31 Dec. 44 census :

Form	Qty required
Census Form 45B	.....
Census Form 45C	.....

3. Completed returns will be despatched by the following Ordnance Officers (this information is required from addressees who distribute forms to other O.O's for despatch of completed forms direct to G(R) MSP and AFHQ).

Signed..... ....

Formation or District.....

Date..... ....

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SUBJECT :- Census - 20 Nov 44

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL. No. FREEDOM 971

AFHQ/6510/13/Q(AE)

7 Nov 44

H.Q., M.M.I.A.

1 Reference the attached letter AFHQ/6510/1/Q(AE) dated 7 Nov 44, and further to our even number dated 12 Oct '44.

2. As this H.Q. still has no definite information for communicating with "E" & "F" B.L.U's, blank Census Forms are again forwarded to you for onward transmission.

3. It will be appreciated if you will ensure that the returns are rendered when due. NIL returns are required.

L. G. Crawford

L.G. CRAWFORD, Major.
for Major General G-4(Br).

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SUBJECT:- Monthly Census of Vehicles and Controlled stores as at 30 Nov 44.

ALLIED FORCE HEAD QUARTERS.
AFHQ/6510/ 1/ Q(AS).

7 Nov.44.

To:- F. B. H. Q.

Reference DOS Circular No.68.

1. Blank Census Forms 45B and 45C are being despatched to you in the quantities indicated on Appendix 'A' to this letter. Both these forms are reprints and must be used by all units for the Nov Census. Old forms in possession will be destroyed. The new Census Form 45B includes Rangefinders No.12.

2. Vehicle returns are required as usual and should be routed by the Units to the appropriate ADOS or DADOS with Census Forms 45B and 45C.

3. Census Forms 45C (CA), 45C (A. and SL) and Census Form - Radar Equipment, will be sent direct from this H.Q. to the Units concerned and returned by them direct to the appropriate addresses. The Radar Section on the reverse of Census Form 45C need not be completed.

4. Gummed labels are enclosed as usual.

5. A NIL return should be rendered as a brief note. In the case of 'A' Vehicles it should be included on the 'B' Vehicle Return.

6. In the distribution of unit vehicle returns O.Cs are requested to send the original copy to Q(AE)4 GHQ AEF.

7. All Italian Units under British Command are to be included in the census and O.Cs must ensure such units are included in their distribution and completed forms returned. In the case of Italian Combat Groups, blank forms are despatched to A.D.Os of each B.L.O. as per Appendix "A" to this letter.

8. Attention of units should be drawn to the necessity of comparing current veh returns with previous veh returns for the purpose of ensuring that Part X Orders have been published for all movements of vehs which have occurred during the month.

9. O.C's are requested to watch special points which have been raised in previous distribution letters regarding the correct rendition of census returns and draw them to the attention of units as may be necessary.

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11. Addressees will please acknowledge on the form attached adding the quantity of forms required for the Dec census and the titles of the O.C's from whom completed returns will be sent. As a new reprint of census forms is being carried out to cover the Triannual Census which falls due at 31 Dec. 44, it is requested that requirements to cover all units under administration be stated on the receipt

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4. Gummed labels are enclosed as usual.

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13. Welfare Wireless Sets. - A G.R.O. is in course of publication instructing units to render particulars of Welfare Wireless Sets in possession. The details called for, therefore, on page 7 of Census Form 45R distributed for the Nov census should NOT be completed by units under command AFHQ.

for L. C. CORNFORD,
Major.
for Major General G-4(Br).

Copy to: GHQ MEF (4(AS))
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DISTRIBUTION OF AFHQ/6510/1/Q(AP) DATED NOV 44

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Serial No.	Formation	For Distribution to	No. of forms forwarded. 45B	45C	No of Parcels
1	DDOS North Africa District	Units administered	500	300	2
2	DDOS No.1 District	" "	1200	150	5
3	DDOS No.3 District	" " incl 6 SA Armd Div Res Gp & 3 Greek Mtn Bde	6000	600	18
4	HQ Land Forces Adriatic	Units administered	220	60	1
5	DDOS 8th Army Troops	" " incl 7 & 9 Armd Bdes & 3 Beach Gp	2000	400	6
6	DDOS III Corps	Units administered excl 2 Indep Para Bde	400	30	1
7	ADOS 5 Corps Tps	Units administered incl 25 Tk Bde	1200	100	4
8	ADOS 10 Corps Tps	Units administered	800	200	3
9	ADOS 13 Corps Tps	" " incl 1 Cdn Armd Bde	1200	100	4
10	ADOS 1 Cdn Corps Tps	Units administered incl 21 Tk Bde	825	190	3
11	ADOS 2 Polish Corps Tps	Units administered incl 2 Polish Armd Bde & 2 Polish Corps Sub Area	600	100	2
12	DADOS 2 (N.Z.) E.C.D.	Units administered	200	20	1
13	ADOS Rome Ad. Cond.	" "	600	100	2
14	DDOS HQ 5 (US) Army Br increment	" " incl 21 & 37 Beach Gps, 60 Sub Area & Florence Command.	600	200	2
15	ADOS HQ 7 (US) Army Br Increment	Units administered	200	50	1
16	ADOS 1 Br Inf Div	" "	350	100	1
17	ADOS 1 Br Armd Div	18 Inf Bde only	60	20	1
18	ADOS 1 Cdn Inf Div	Units administered	320	84	1
19	ADOS 2 (NZ) Mixed Div	" "	350	100	1
20	ADOS 3 Carp Inf Div	" "	350	75	1
21	ADOS 4 Br Inf Div	" "	300	50	1
22	ADOS 4 Indian Inf Div	" "	280	100	1
23	ADOS 5 Cdn Armd Div	" "	350	75	1
24	ADOS 5 (Kreszowa) Inf Div	" "	240	80	1
25	ADOS 6 Br Armd Div	" " incl 61 Inf Bde	300	4476	1
26	ADOS 6 (SA) Armd Div	Units administered			

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6	DDOS III Corps	Units administered excl 2 Indep Para Bde	400	30	1
7	ADOS 5 Corps Tps	Units administered incl 25 Tk Bde	1200	100	4
8	ADOS 10 Corps Tps	Units Administered	800	200	3
9	ADOS 13 Corps Tps	" " incl 1 Qdn Armd Bde	1200	100	4
10	ADOS 1 Cdn Corps Tps	Units administered incl 21 Tk Bde	825	190	3
11	ADOS 2 Polish Corps Tps	Units administered incl 2 Polish Armd Bde & 2 Polish Corps Sub Area	600	100	2
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13	ADOS Rome Ar. Comd.	" "	600	100	2
14	DDOS HQ 5 (US) Army Br increment	" " incl 21 & 37 Beach Gps, 60 Sub Area & Florence Command.	600	200	2
15	ADOS HQ 7 (US) Army Br Increment	Units administered	200	50	1
16	ADOS 1 Br Inf Div	" "	320	100	1
17	ADOS 1 Br Armd Div	18 Inf Bde only	60	20	1
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20	ADOS 2 Corp Inf Div	" "	350	75	1
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29	ADOS 10 Ind Inf Div	" " incl 43 Ind Lorried Inf Bde	350	75	1
30	ADOS 46 (Br) Inf Div	Units administered incl 2 Armd Bde	350	100	1
31	ADOS 56 (Br) Inf Div	Units administered	300	100	1
32	ADOS 78 (Br) Inf Div	" "	240	70	1
33	50 B.L.U.	" "	150	10	1
34	51 B.L.U.	" "	150	10	1
35	52 B.L.U.	" "	160	15	1
36	53 B.L.U.	" "	150	10	1
37	'E' B.L.U.	" "			
38	'F' BL.U.	" "	100	10	1
39	2 Ind Para Bde				

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RECEIPT FORM

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C.M.F.

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Census Form 45C	.....

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Signed..... ....

Formation or District.....

Date..... ....

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SECRET.
ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS.
AFHQ/6510/ 1/ 2(AG).

7 Nov. 44.

SUBJECT:- Monthly Census of Vehicles and Controlled Stores as at 30 Nov 44.

To:- F. B.L.H.....

Reference DOS Circular No.68.

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L. C. Comford
L. C. COMFORD,
Major.
for Major General G-4(Br).

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DISTRIBUTION OF AFHQ/6510/1/Q(AB) DATED NOV 44

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APPX 'A'

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10	ADOS 1 Cdn Corps Tps	Units administered incl 21 Tk Bde	825	190	3
11	ADOS 2 Polish Corps Tps	Units administered incl 2 Polish Armd Bde & 2 Polish Corps Sub Area	500	100	2
12	DADOS 2 (N.Z.) E.C.D.	Units administered	200	20	1
13	ADOS Rome Area Comd.	" "	600	100	2
14	DDOS HQ 5 (US) Army Br increment	" " incl 21 & 37 Beach Gps, 60 Sub Area & Florence Command.	600	200	2
15	ADOS HQ 7 (US) Army Br Increment	Units administered	200	50	1
16	ADOS 1 Br Inf Div	" "	350	100	1
17	ADOS 1 Br Armd Div	18 Inf Bde only	60	20	1
18	ADOS 1 Cdn Inf Div	Units administered	320	84	1
19	ADOS 2 (NZ) Mixed Div	" "	350	100	1
20	ADOS 3 Carp Inf Div	" "	350	75	1
21	ADOS 4 Br Inf Div	" "	300	50	1
22	ADOS 4 Indian Inf Div	" "	280	100	1
23	ADOS 5 Cdn Armd Div	" "	350	75	1
24	ADOS 5 (Kreasowa) Inf Div	" "	240	60	1
25	ADOS 6 Br Armd Div	" " incl 61 Inf Bde	300	60	1
26	ADOS 6 (SA) Armd Div	Units administered incl 24 Gds Bde	350	60	1

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DISTRIBUTION OF AFHQ/6510/1/3(AB) DATED NOV 44

SECRET
Appx 'A'

Serial No.	Formation	For Distribution to	No. of forms forwarded. 45B	45C	No of parcels
1	DDOS North African District	Units administered	500	300	2
2	DDOS No.1 District	" "	1500	150	5
3	DDOS No.3 District	" " incl 6 SA Armd Div Res Gp & 3 Greek Mtn Bde	6000	600	18
4	HQ Land Forces adriatic	Units administered	220	60	1
5	DDOS 8th Army Troops	" " incl 7 & 9 Armd Bdes & 3 Beach Gp	2000	400	6
6	DDOS III Corps	Units administered excl 2 Indep Para Bde	400	30	1
7	ADOS 5 Corps Tps	Units administered incl 25 Tk Bde	1200	100	4
8	ADOS 10 Corps Tps	Units administered	800	200	3
9	ADOS 13 Corps Tps	" " incl 1 Cdn Armd Bde	1200	100	4
10	ADOS 1 Cdn Corps Tps	Units administered incl 21 Tk Bde	825	120	3
11	ADOS 2 Polish Corps Tps	Units administered incl 2 Polish Armd Bde & 2 Polish Corps Sub Area	600	100	2
12	DADOS 2 (N.Z.) E.O.D.	Units administered	200	20	1
13	ADOS Rome Sub Comd.	" "	500	100	2
14	DDOS HQ 5 (US) Army Fr increment	" " incl 21 & 37 Beach Gps, 60 Sub Area & Florence Command.	600	4473 200	2
15	ADOS HQ 7 (US) Army Fr Increment	Units administered	200	50	1
16	ADOS 1 Fr Inf Div	" "	350	100	1
17	ADOS 1 Fr Armd Div	16 Inf Bde only	60	20	1
18	ADOS 1 Cdn Inf Div	Units administered	320	80	1
19	ADOS 2 (NZ) Mixed Div	" "	320	100	1
20	ADOS 3 Carp Inf Div	" "	350	75	1
21	ADOS 4 Fr Inf Div	" "	300	70	1
22	ADOS 4 Indian Inf Div	" "	280	100	1
23	ADOS 5 Cdn Armd Div	" "	350	75	1
24	ADOS 5 (Kresowa) Inf Div	" "	240	80	1
25	ADOS 6 Fr Armd Div	" " incl 61 Inf Bde	300	60	1
26	ADOS 6 (SA) Armd Div	Units administered incl 24 Gds Bde	350	80	1

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12	DADOS 2 (N.Z.) E.C.D.	Units administered	200	20	1
13	ADOS Rome AA Cond.	" "	600	100	2
14	DDOS HQ 5 (US) Army Br Increment	" " incl 21 & 37 Beach Gps, 60 Sub Area & Florence Command.	600	200	2
15	ADOS HQ 7 (US) Army Br Increment	Units administered	200	50	1
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25	ADOS 6 Br Armd Div	" " incl 61 Inf Bde	300	60	1
26	ADOS 6 (SA) Armd Div	Units administered incl 24 Gds Bde	350	80	1
27	7 Polish Reserve Div added to DADOS HQ Base of 2 Polish Corps		300	75	1
28	ADOS 8 Ind Inf Div	Units administered	300	100	1
29	ADOS 10 Ind Inf Div	" " incl 43 Ind Lorried Inf Bde	350	75	1
30	ADOS 46 (Br) Inf Div	Units administered incl 2 Armd Bde	350	100	1
31	ADOS 56 (Br) Inf Div	Units administered	300	100	1
32	ADOS 78 (Br) Inf Div	" "	240	70	1
33	50 B.L.U.	" "	150	10	1
34	51 B.L.U.	" "	150	10	1
35	52 B.L.U.	" "	160	15	1
36	53 B.L.U.	" "	150	10	1
37	'E' B.L.U.	" "			
38	'F' B.L.U.	" "			
39	2 Ind Para Bde	" "	100	10	1

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RECEIPT FORM

To: Q(AE) Branch,
A.P.M.Q.,
C.M.F.

Substitute A.F. A.16.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of AHFQ/6510/1/Q(AE) dated 7 Nov. 44 ,
(copies) and parcels of blank census forms.

2. The following quantities of blank forms are required to cover all units under administration for the 31 Dec. 44 census :

Form	Qty required
Census Form 45B	.....
Census Form 45C	.....

3. Completed returns will be despatched by the following Ordnance Officers (this information is required from addressees who distribute forms to other O.O's for despatch of completed forms direct to GHQ MEF and AHFQ).

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Signed..... ....

Formation or District.....

Date..... ....

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Transmitted by

ref. 6/76/76/Serv.
7 November 44

from: SHAEF (MT office)
to: Combat Groups
Copy to: MMIA
Subject. M.T. for Combat Groups.

For your guidance, begging you to arrange for immediate return of vehicles employed for services not strictly connected with the activity of the units actually detached.

Gen. SMITH

See letter S/8/29/2 dated 27 October 1944 from MMIA

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BEST COPY POSSIBLE

S/C

O G G E T T O: Automezzi assegnati ai gruppi di combattimento.-

ALLO S.M.R.E.
e, per conoscenza:
AL 25 B.L.U.

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1°- Gli automezzi assegnati ai gruppi di combattimento devono essere usati unicamente per l'addestramento, vettovagliamento e riequipaggiamento dei gruppi e non devono essere usati per nessun'altro motivo senza riferirne preventivamente al comando M.M.I.A.-

2°- Ogni mezzo di trasporto che attualmente sia distaccato altrove, deve essere immediatamente restituito al suo gruppo in modo che l'addestramento ecc. non debba venire interrotto.-

p. IL MAGGIOR GENERALE MMIA
F.to magg.....

/Lu

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Automobilismo

N° 6/7646/Serv. di prot.- P.M.191,li 7 Novembre 1944

AI GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTO — LORO SEDI
e, per conoscenza:
ALLA M. M. I. A. — R o m a

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Per norma, con preghiera di disporre per l'immediato rient
automezzi comunque comandati fuori sede per servizi non strettam
nessi alla vita dei reparti.-

IL GENERALE AI
- Alessandro S

P. C. C.
IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI

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p. IL MAGGIOR GENERALE MMIA
F:to magg.....

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Automobilismo
4170

/La

P.M.151, li 7 Novembre 1944

N° 61/7676/Serv. di prot.-

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO * UFFICIO SERVIZI *

P. C. C.
CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
Gen. A. Quercia -

Translation Heard
Lt. Col. 9/11

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ARMY FORM C 2176 (Small). MESSAGE FORM Register No. 2176

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
			CIPHER SECRET

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM A — Originator: 51BC4 — Date-Time of Origin: 061815 Z — Office Date Stamp: 426

For Action

TO MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

CORRECTED COPY

Message Instructions — OR —

Originator's No. C 1/4

Restricted O Confirm order authorizes white star on national colours to be painted on CMR044 directive is sanctioned by you O Letter commander militare Zetta campagna No 03481 of 270ct to CMR0044

This Message May Be Sent By

Any Means	Except	Wireless

If Unable To Be Encrypted Or To Fall Into Enemy Hands, This Message Must Be Sent By Cipher

Designation & Instructions Degree Of Priority

Time Filed: 1911 or 1915 — 4469

Signed ✓

Signed

Time Cleared

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File 3/9/0

ARMY FORM C 2156 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 1

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: MMIB — Date-Time of Origin: 5 Mar 40 — OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action: 3/ 1st Bn

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No.: 85296 Restricted 0 Reference your C/ltr of 6 Mar 40 referring matter of subject 0 Refer to Col Perley

P.S.&T./S/D—(7-38)—(20)—(4)

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT BY ANY MEANS [EXCEPT] WIRELESS

SIGNED

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

SIGNED

DESIGNATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY: Immediate

TIME FILED: 4:08 pm Mar

TIME OR TOR

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FROM: 51 BLU
SEC MMIA

SECRET

8/Sec 8/Sho/2

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RESTRICTED ⊙ C1/4 9/11 061815

(1)
"Latium"

Caption order authorizing white star
colours to be(?) painted on CREMONA Div. Vehicles as
sanctioned by you ⊙

Letter COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA
No. 03487 of 27 October to CREMONA Div. 4467

TIT I 071930

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SUBJECT :- Vehicle Establishments - Motor Cycles. 8/242

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/93/1

6 Nov 44.

50 British Liaison Unit.

Copy to:- 51, 52 and 53 HLUs for info.

Your ST/4/13 of 30 Oct 44 refers.

1. It is agreed that under training conditions, when due regard can be given to weather, time of day and nature of terrain, there may be an apparent shortage of motorcycles for convoy control, etc.

Experience in actual operations has, however, shown that the motorcycle is not altogether satisfactory and there have been several cases where the use of motorcycles had to be abandoned because bad weather and road conditions were causing such high accident rates. On balance, reports adverse to the use of motorcycles would seem to have been more frequent than reports in favour.

You will agree nothing is to be gained by an increase of establishment which will subsequently be an incumbrance to unit commanders. 4466

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The following suggestions, may be of assistance.

A. Road Rules for Drivers.

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ii. At an unmarked or unpoliced T road junction - TURN LEFT.
iii. At an unmarked or unpoliced Y road junction - FOLLOW THE MAJOR ROAD.

Fixed rules of this nature eliminate the necessity for traffic control motorcyclists at a surprisingly large number of junctions in an average convoy run and have been found most valuable.

B. Use of Road Recce. party.

i. Requirements are 1 x 15 cwt or 1 x 2 Str car, 1 officer or good map reading NCO; a number of small direction arrows, and a few large plate signs with movable arrows for really difficult sections of the route.
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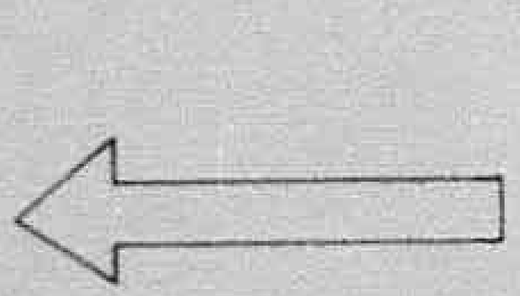
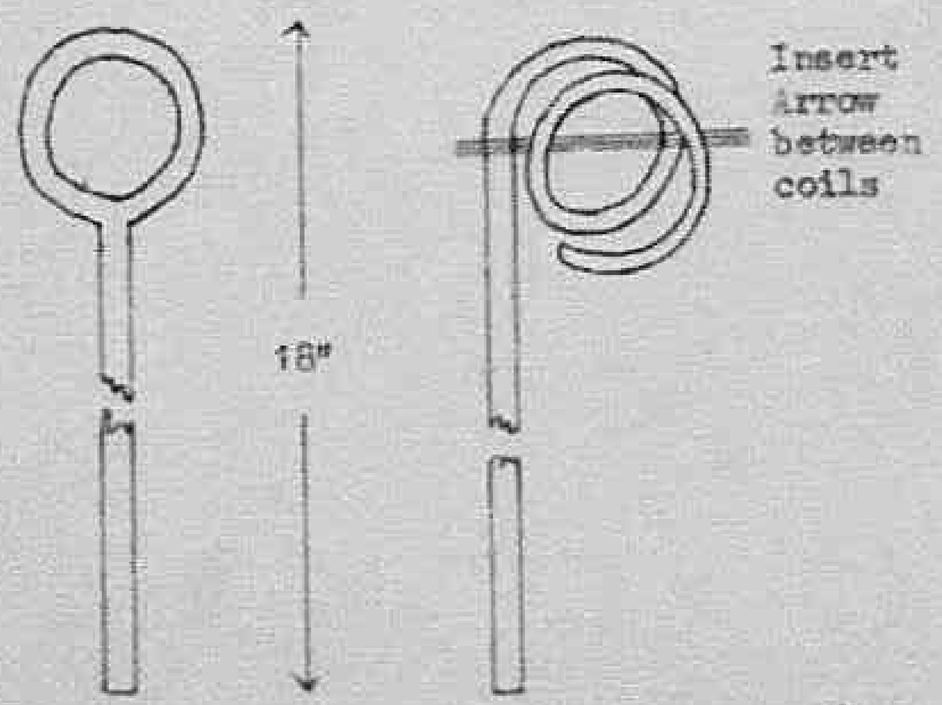
iii. Simple direction arrows can be made from sheet tin or wood by unit workshops. Wire holders are probably the most handy to use and carry about.



Paint arrows distinctive colours for unit and each sub unit.



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The use of these direction arrows, which can be stuck in the ground, crevices of walls, trees, etc, largely eliminates the necessity for using motorcyclists for route control.

iv. Arrangements should be made for arrows and plate signs to be picked up by the rear vehicle of the convoy.

3. The basic principle is so to sign a convoy route that vehicles can proceed along it as though on a railroad.

R. L. PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.E.) 4465

BLP/jc

INTERNAL:- Spec Sec.

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VEHICLES ON TEMPORARY LOAN.

MAR 51
Department of the Army

TO: A.C.C. Army. Subi
b.m.t.

Please sign and return attached certificate:

Captain. R.A.O.C.
9 Vehicle Park.
38 Vehicle Company.

In the Field.
1/11/44.

TEMPORARY LOAN CERTIFICATE NO: 9VP/1/9

W.D. No:		Type and Make:
5686001:	5686018:	Lorry 3 Ton: 4x2: WATER. Dodge.
5686024:	5686034:	4464
5686035:	5686036:	
5686042:	5686045:	
5686046:		

Date of Issue on Loan: /44. Class:

I certify that the above vehicles drawn from 9 Vehicle Park on / /44 are still in my possession. I further certify that they are being regularly serviced, inspected and maintained and are in roadworthy condition.

Signed.....

Date..... Unit.....

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

04 1610 A

From: MMLA

To: 50 BLU 51 BLU

Rpt: MINISTRY OF WAR - PBS for MMLA LO

RESTRICTED

AQ 2137

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

Internal Dist:

SW.
Spec.SEC.

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

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SECRET.

"A" Battalion Standing Instr.

Subject : Unit Vehicle Markings.

Ref. G/5/16.

H.Q.
H.Q.I.A.

Unit vehicle markings are being adopted, in accordance with instructions given at conference 5 Oct. Please conform as nearly as possible to British Inf. Div. markings (i.e. MMX M.M.). Please confirm.

55.	Corps H. , and all Corps MMX Listed below.	
51.	07 Regt.	{ Senior Regt }
53.	1/07 Regt.	{ " In. }
54.	11/07 Regt.	{ Second In. }
57.	111/07 Regt.	{ Junior In. }
67.	08 Regt.	{ Senior Regt. }
66.	1/08 Regt.	{ Senior In. }
71.	11/08 Regt.	{ Second In. }
69.	111/08 Regt.	{ Junior In. }
45.	R.H. Arty Regt.	
43.	Arty.	{ 25 Pdr. Bty. }
46.	Arty.	{ A/Tk. Bty. }
47.	Arty.	{ A.A. Bty. }
4[illegible].	Engrs.	{ Senior Fd Coy }
4[illegible].	Engrs.	{ Second Fd Coy }
4[illegible].	Engrs.	{ Third Coy }
9.	Regtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Senior Regt.	
93.	Regtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Second Regt.	
7[illegible].	H. & T. Coy (equivalent Div H.Q Coy).	
7[illegible].	Senior Field Hospital.	
7[illegible].	Second Field Hospital.	
8[illegible].	Sick Bay at Workshop.	

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The Div sign will be painted on the LEFT side and the unit number on the RIGHT, both front and back, the unit number being in white on the background of the MATCH colours.

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[illegible] Mtr.
[illegible] Mtr.
[illegible] Mtr.

[illegible] H.Q. Arty Coys.
[illegible] Arty.
[illegible] Arty.
[illegible] Arty.

[illegible] Engrs. (Border Fd Coy / General Fd Coy / Sigs Coy)
[illegible] Engrs.
[illegible] Engrs.

Mtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Border Bgde.
Mtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in General Bgde.

[illegible] H.Q. & T. Coy (equivalent Div. Tpt Coy).

[illegible] Border Field Hospital.
[illegible] General Field Hospital.

[illegible] Bgde Employ Battalion.

The Div sign will be painted on the LEFT side and the unit number on the RIGHT, both front and back, the unit number being in white on the back ground of the KHAKI coloure.

[illegible]
[illegible] Col. G.S.

Copies to :- Depo Dl. S.
[illegible]
Spare 12.

Note :- Original was despatched from this office 7 Oct.
Second copy was enclosed in KZS packet to MMIA on 2 Oct - checks emitted covering letter.
Confirmation URGENTLY required.

Immediate

[illegible]

Subject: Unit Signs

53 B.L.U.

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To: H.Q. Combat Group Polgore

Ref. G9 - 1

MMIA
Ord
S.T.

31 Oct 44

1. Under authority AFHQ (C-3 Section) letter WSD/76 of 22 Oct 44 Italian Combat Gps will use vehicle markings and vehicle marking nos. as under.

2.

40	Gruppo HQ and all Tps NOT listed below	
81	~~87 Regt~~ NEMBO REGT	(Senior Regt)
55	1/~~87 Regt~~ NEMBO	(Senior Bn)
56	11/~~87 Regt~~ "	(Second Bn)
57	111/~~87 Regt~~ "	(Junior Bn)
87	~~88 Regt~~ S. MARCO REGT	(Second Regt)
60	1/~~88 Regt~~ S. MARCO	(Senior Bn)
61	11/~~88 Regt~~ "	(Second Bn)
62	111/~~88 Regt~~ "	(Junior Bn)
42	HQ Arty Regt	
43	Arty	(25 Pdr Btys)
46	Arty	(A/Tk Bty)
47	Arty	(LAA Bty)
48	Engrs	(Senior Fd Coy)
49	Engrs	(Second Fd Coy)
50	Engrs	(Sigs Coy)
64	Regtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Senior Regt	
65	Regtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Second Regt	
74	S & T Coy (equivalent Div Tps Coy)	
76	Senior Fd Hospital	
77	Second Fd Hospital	
86	Mech Engrs Wksp	

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3. The sign of the Div (i.e. POLGORE) from which the Gp originated will be painted on the LEFT side of the vehicle, and the unit no. on the RIGHT, both front (on the wings) and back, the unit no. being in WHITE on the background of the Div (Gp) colour/colours.
(Note: LEFT and RIGHT sides are as seen from the driver's seat.)

4. In effect, therefore,
(a) Each vehicle in the Gp will carry four signs ALL of the same background, i.e. Gp colour/colours,
(b) ALL vehicles (incl Gp etc. HQ vehs) will carry the same Gp sign on the LEFT side

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56	11/87 Regt	(Senior Bn)
57	111/87 Regt	(Second Bn)
		(Junior Bn)
87	88 Regt	(Second Regt)
60	1/88 Regt	(Senior Bn)
61	11/88 Regt	(Second Bn)
62	111/88 Regt	(Junior Bn)
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77	Second Fd Hospital	
86	Mech Engrs Wksp	

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(c) Unit (incl HQ) serial nos. will be carried on the RIGHT side (front + rear) as detailed in para 2 above.

5. These signs will be so placed as to be seen clearly from front and rear.

6. FULCRUM Gp will submit, forthwith, design showing Gp colour/colours proposed to be used and also the Gp sign.

7. NO signs will meanwhile be painted on vehicles until design has been approved by A.M.I.A.

W.P. Clarke
Major
GSO II

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57	~~88 Regt~~ 5 MARCO REGT	(Second Regt)
60	1/~~88~~ Regt 5 MARCO	(Senior Bn)
61	11/~~88~~ Regt "	(Second Bn)
62	111/88 Regt "	(Junior Bn)
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46	Arty	(A/Tk Bty)
47	Arty	(LAA Bty)
48	Engrs	(Senior Fd Coy)
49	Engrs	(Second Fd Coy)
50	Engrs	(Sigs Coy)
64	Regtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Senior Regt	
65	Regtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Second Regt	
74	S & T Coy (equivalent Div Tps Coy)	
76	Senior Fd Hospital	
77	Second Fd Hospital	
86	Mech Engrs Wksp	

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5. The sign of the Div (i.e. FOLGORE) from which the Gp originated will be painted on the LEFT side of the vehicle, and the unit no. on the RIGHT, both front (on the wings) and back, the unit no. being in WHITE on the background of the Div (Gp) colour/colours.
(Note: LEFT and RIGHT sides are as seen from the driver's seat.)

4. In effect, therefore,
(a) Each vehicle in the Gp will carry four signs ALL of the same background, i.e. Gp colour/colours,
(b) ALL vehicles (incl Gp etc. HQ vehs) will carry the same Gp sign on the LEFT side, front and rear,
(c) Unit (incl HQ) serial nos. will be carried on the RIGHT side (front + rear) as detailed in para 2 above.

5. These signs will be so placed as to be seen clearly from front and rear.

6. FOLGORE Gp will submit, forthwith, design showing Gp colour/colours proposed to be used and also the Gp sign.

7. NO signs will meanwhile be painted on vehicles until design has been approved by A.M.I.A.

W.P. Cockburn
Major
GSO II

Lt Fellows
Sir, have I understood
it be used already assigned?
No. this is the old Div
Div colour and
is distinct enough
from the desert sign

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SUBJECT: Release of Vehicles to Italian Combat Grps.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/Q/29/2
Nov 44

TO : 52, 53 MMI

1. Attached copy of 3 District letter 631/13 of 28 Oct 44 is passed for information and action as necessary.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

4458
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COPY

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SUBJECT: Release of Vehs to Ital Combat Ops

3 District
Ext 113
631/130
28 Oct 44

64 Garrison

Q(AE) AFHQ
ROME Allied Area Command
Ord
MMIA LO

Ref MMIA letter S/Q/29/2 of 24 Oct 44 and further to this HQ Signal Q 2550 of 9 Oct 44.

Vehs will be released as under:-

6 Lorries to 52 MLU for No 3 Ital Combat Gp LEGNANO

6 Lorries to 53 MLU for No 4 Ital Combat Gp FOLGORE

/s/ W. J. Carte
Col
DA & QMG
(W.J. CARTE)

WJC/eto

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SUBJECT - Release of Vehs to Ital Combat Grps

5 District
Ext 113
631/150
28 Oct 44

GA Garrison

Q(AM) AFHQ
ROSS Allied Area Command
Ord
MECHA LO

Ref MECHA letter S/V/29/2 of 24 Oct 44 and further to this HQ Signal Q 2550 of 3 Oct 44.

Vehs will be released as under:-

6 Lorries to 52 MAU for No 3 Ital Combat Gp LEGHORN

6 Lorries to 53 MAU for No 4 Ital Combat Gp FOGGIA

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DIRECTOR OF MILITARY TRAINING
A.M.H.Q., O.T.F.

Ref 1 1166

MT/18/GEN.2

23 Oct 44

MMTA
File Ref
Declassified

30 B.L.H.
51 B.L.H.

Copy to: H.Q.I.A.
9 Veh Park.

1. The following vehicles are released to each SLU under Ordnance AFH; Release No. 101/237 dated 22 Oct 44. :-

3 - Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S. Class I D Serial No. 6050

2. These vehicles are for the use of the Tactical Training Teams.

3. Please collect immediately from 9 Veh Park, CAIRO.

J. M. Bishop
Lt Col
for DMT

4456
Ord. Off.
D.M.T.

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S/0159/2

Weekly Census Return

3d A. . Liaison Unit,
A.M.F.
OKD/23/12.
25 Oct. 1944.

8/Sec

8/0

O. (ad. A.F.H.Q., A.M.F.
O. (via G.S.(Int.) Branch)

1. Herewith Census Form 458, 458, and 'A' Vehicle Census, in respect of Gruppo di Combattimento, "Legnano", for September 1944.

2. These are shown as totals for the Gruppo. Subsequent returns will be rendered by separate units.

Major.
(J.L.C. Hudson)
D.A.A.G. for A.C. in C.

8/0

Jul 8/10.

Copy for Records. Form 55 339.

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S/Sec
3/1/0

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Tele No. Freedom 124

AFHQ/6442/Q(AE)

28 Oct 44

Subject :- Vehicle Assembly - Crated Vehicles

S/Sec
3/1/0

R.E.M.E.

1. Crated vehicles marked 'IxI' GRURI' are now arriving in this theatre.

2. Assembly of these vehicles should be carried out on normal priorities (already allocated) subject to special instructions being issued.

[illegible]
Capt.

O.V.A. GRIMES, Captain,
for Brigadier,
Q(AE).

GV/Gly/Mch

Copy to : MEIA - your S/S/29/2 dated 21 Oct 44 refers
Ord (Br)

S/Sec
3/1/0

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5/8/42

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ARMY FORM C-2196 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No.

Call	Srl No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNAL'S USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: SO FLU — Date Time of Origin: 241750A — OFFICE DATE STAMP.

For Action

TO: FMJA

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR —

Originator's No.

CBU Red Air Force Ltr 5/5/42 requested Sanitary Manuals Medical Supplies and Vaccines listed in C.O. Washington also requested AFHQ

(Authority)

✓ Signed	SIGNED		PRIORITY	Time 5:50	Station	Op.

Date cleared

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 SECTION

FILE NO : [illegible]/76

22 Oct 44

SUBJECT : Unit Signs

TO : All concerned

1. Authority is granted for the four Italian Combat Gps now in course of fmn and any such gps to be formed in the future to use vehicle markings and vehicle marking nos. as under :-

40	Gruppo HQ and all Tps NOT listed below	
81	87 Regt	(Senior Regt)
55	1/87 Regt	(Senior Bn)
56	11/87 Regt	(Second Bn)
57	111/87 Regt	(Junior Bn)
87	88 Regt	(Second Regt)
60	1/88 Regt	(Senior Bn)
61	11/88 Regt	(Second Bn)
62	111/88 Regt	(Junior Bn)
42	Hq Arty Regt	
43	Arty	(25 Pdr Btys)
46	Arty	(A/Tk Bty)
47	Arty	(L.A. Bty)
48	Engrs	(Senior Fd Coy)
49	Engrs	(Second Fd Coy)
50	Engrs	(Sigs Coy)
64	Regtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Senior Regt	
65	Regtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Second Regt	
74	S & T Coy (equivalent Div Tps Coy)	
76	Senior Fd Hosp	
77	Second Fd Hosp	
86	Mech Engrs Wksp	

2. The sign of the Div from which each Gruppo originated will be painted on the LEFT side and the unit no. on the RIGHT, both front and back, the unit no. being in white on the background of the Div colour

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80	Gruppo Hq and all Tps not listed below	
81	87 Regt	(Senior Regt)
55	1/87 Regt	(Senior Bn)
56	11/87 Regt	(Second Bn)
57	111/87 Regt	(Junior Bn)
87	88 Regt	(Second Regt)
60	1/88 Regt	(Senior Bn)
61	11/88 Regt	(Second Bn)
62	111/88 Regt	(Junior Bn)
42	Hq Arty Regt	
43	Arty	(25 Pdr Btys)
46	Arty	(A/Tk Bty)
47	Arty	(L.A. Bty)
48	Engrs	(Senior Fd Coy)
49	Engrs	(Second Fd Coy)
50	Engrs	(Sigs Coy)
64	Rgtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Senior Regt	
65	Rgtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Second Regt	
74	S & T Coy (equivalent Div Tps Coy)	
76	Senior Fd Hosp	
77	Second Fd Hosp	
86	Mech Engrs Hosp	

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2. The sign of the Div from which each Gruppo originated will be painted on the LEFT side and the unit no. on the RIGHT, both front and back, the unit no. being in white on the background of the Div colours.

3. All Army Sub Commission ACC please fwd to this Hq for approval before adoption and for purposes of record, copies of all Div Signs and particulars of Div colours proposed to be used.

3/6/39/39

By Command of General WILSON.

T. A. H. GAMMELL,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

CHC/tb

Distribution : Hq A.I
Liaison
G-3(Orgn)
Army Sub Commission ACC (ref C/5/16) (7 copies)

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SUBJECT: Transport allotted to Gruppi di Combattimento

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
File No. S/C/29/2
17 Oct 44

TO : S.M.E.E.

Copy to: 52 ELU

1. Transport allotted to Gruppi di Combattimento must be used solely for training, maintaining and re-equipping the Gruppi and must not be used for any other purpose without prior reference to HQ MMIA.

2. Any such transport which at present is on outside detail must be returned immediately to its Gruppo in order that training etc will not be interrupted.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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5/2/3/2. 70.

Military Mission Italian Army,
R O M E
S/X521
26 Oct 44.

Subject:- 'Z' Lorries.

C.S.O.,
A.A.I.

Inquiries have been made at A.F.H.Q. re the possibility of obtaining 'Z' lorries for Italian Workshop Sections, without success.

The Italian Ministry of War have also been approached, but they state they have none.

It would seem therefore that some alternative in the way of a "fitted" 3 tonner will have to be devised.

W. CALVELEY, Major,
for Major General,
Military Mission Italian Army.

Copy to Special Section, MMIA.

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LRMB V MEDY SRL366 QVR3

FROM Q 56 AREA 25--

TO HQ TRG INCREMENT ITALIAN FORCES

INFO CMTC(COL RAE) : M M I A

QQX GR26 BT

Q506/3

PLEASE STATE AUTHY CAR 2 STR HELD BY YOU SURPLUS TO W.3/// 2.///

W.E. . CONFIRM THIS VEHICLE HELD ON CHARGE BY YOU AND NOT QMTC //

CMTC (COL RAE)

BT

SENT 1452A SWLW AR K

RCD 1452A HRA AR

S/Sec 5/0/2/2 68

SECRET. 78/c "A" British Indian Dept.

Subject : Unit Vehicle Markings.

Ref. G/S/16.

H.Q.
H.Q. I.A.

Unit vehicle markings are being adopted, in accordance with ruling given at conference 5 Oct. Please conform as nearly as possible to British Inf. Div. markings (G.T. NOT H.Q.). Please confirm.

50. Cargo M. . and all Tpt NOT listed below.
51. 37 Dept. { Senior Dept
54. 1/37 Dept. { " Dn.
56. 11/37 Dept. { Second Dn.
57. 111/37 Dept. { Junior Dn.

57. 38 Dept. { Second Dept.
60. 1/38 Dept. { Senior Dn.
61. 11/38 Dept. { Second Dn.
62. 111/38 Dept. { Junior Dn.

44. H.Q. Arty Dept.
45. Arty. { 25 Fdr. Bdge.
46. Arty. { A/Tk. Bty.
47. Arty. { A.A. Bty.

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48. Engrs. { Senior Fd Coy
49. Engrs. { Second Fd Coy
50. Engrs. { Sigs Coy

54. Bgtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Senior Dept.
55. Bgtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Second Dept.

74. S. & T. Coy (equivalent Div Tpt Coy).

76. Senior Field Hospital.
77. Second Field Hospital.

86. Mech Engnr Workshop.

The Div sign will be painted on the LEFT side and the unit number on the RIGHT, both front and back. The unit number being in white on the background of the VEHICLE colours.

(J.F.

Lt. Col. G.S.

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40.	1/6th Regt.	(Sardar Bn.
41.	11/8th Regt.	(Second Bn.
42.	11th/8th Regt.	(Junior Bn.
43.	R.A. Arty Regt.	
45.	Arty.	(25 pdr. Btys.
46.	Arty.	(A/Tk. Bty.
47.	Arty.	(A.A. Btys.
48.	Engrs.	(Sardar Fd Coy
49.	Engrs.	(Second Fd Coy
50.	Engrs.	(Sigs Coy
54.	Bgtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Sardar Regt.	
69.	Bgtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Second Regt.	
74.	S. & T. Coy (equivalent Div Tpt Coy).	
76.	Sardar Field Hospital.	
77.	Second Field Hospital.	
86.	Mech Engrs Workshop.	

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The Div sign will be painted on the LEFT side and the unit number on the RIGHT, both front and back, the unit number being in white on the background of the VEHICLE colours.

Fd. Col. G.S.

G.P.

Cordon to :- Depn dl I .
" " I.T.
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Dec 67.

FROM: MMIA

TO : 50, 51, 52, 53 SLU's

Info: AFHQ

SS 229

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Please note that NIL returns are required by AFHQ in respect of census forms 45B and C of vehicle returns reporting holdings against WE (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN (.) For 52 and 53 SLU's (.) Expedite returns as at 30th September (.) For AFHQ (.) 51 SLU report census forms despatched correct date through ADOS 57 area

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

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66.

SUBJECT: Census Returns.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
S/C/29/2
25 Oct 44

TO : AFHQ G(AG).

Reference Census returns for September 30th from Italian Combat Groups. Your message F37222 dated 11th was addressed to H.Q. MMIA only. It was therefore taken to refer to vehicles held against W/E of this H.Q. Our reply ST/386 dated 12th refers. Hastening action with B.L.U's has now been taken, but in future it would be appreciated if all messages relating to affairs of Gruppi di Combattimenti could be repeated to appropriate B.L.U(s).

MAJOR GENERAL
M M I A

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SUBJECT: Issues to Italian Combat Groups

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
File No. S/Q/29/2
25 Oct 44

TO : 3 DISTRICT

Copy to: 64 GARRISON
R.A.A.C.
Q(AA) AFHQ
MMIA LO Legnano Group
MMIA LO Folgore Group
H.Q. AAI

1. Some confusion seems to have arisen from this office signal SS 110 dated 30th September which requested that 12 Lorries 3 ton water, released under Q(AS)3660, should be re-allocated to Legnano and Folgore Gruppi di Combattimenti.

2. It was intended that these vehicles should be taken off charge by 64 Garrison and taken on charge by the Groups. This has nothing to do with RAAC, and it is thought that confusion has arisen from the fact that, since signals from MMIA pass through RAAC, they bear an RAAC serial number in addition to the originators reference. THUS, AAI's letter 3333/1/Q(AS) dated 2nd October refers to RAAC signal SS 110, which in fact emanated from MMIA.

3. It is hoped that this clarifies the situation, that the vehicles may be re-allocated as requested, and 3 District's signal Q2550 dated 5th October may be duly amended.

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for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Secret Sec.

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Repl Tel to Leg

No authority has been given by AMB

to send any LEGNAME personnel

on any detail. Recall of Leg

personnel to Dem Rep for

Lao last handled by Special Services

Div

Request should be addressed

to Dept

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64 TOO 64
22/24

LROF 7 LRLC NR 38 IMEDIATE OVRI

FROM MMIA LO NIGNANO 230930

TO ~~MMAF~~ MMIA

INFO 52 BLU - NIGNANO GRUPPO (BY HAND)

QGX GR 34 BT

ST/932 . RESTRICTED. FOR PIDSLEY. RETURN OF ALL
LEGNANO
~~NIGNANO~~ VENICLES ON S M R E DETAILS IMMEDIATELY NECESSARY FOR
TRAINING OF DRIVERS ET C.

NO INSTRUCTION FOR THEIR RETURN YET RECEIVED FROM SMRE

. REQUEST YOU EXPEDITE . FULL DETAILS ~~MAIL~~ FOLLOW 6440

BT

SENT NR 38 EJ 0318 BBD ROUTINES K

RD NR 38 " D ON " 0312 BBD

Approved.
A/Q. I do agree with this
as you in AOS. I advise on the question
SSP
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25/10.

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FROM USIA

TO SO PLU

SS 216

23 1630

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION Restricted

Ref your G 166 of 21 Oct (.) PAREN HOLD AREA_____PAREN (.)

No trace your G/5/16 undated (.) Please send copy

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ARMY FORM C.2126

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 1 | 2 2

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS: IN / OUT

CIPHER SECRET

No. of Groups: OR

Office Date Stamp: 301A

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

5/2/92.

TO MMIA

FROM 50 BLU

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
G 166	21	

Ref. His office G/5/16 undated

Subject unit vehicle markings ⊙ Confirmation

Suggested numbers urgently required

This Message is not to be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except [illegible] Routine

Signature

This Message must be sent IN CIPHER if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands

Signature

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time of Origin 1830

T.H.I. 212030A

T.O.R.

MMIA 8/5
File Ref
Com Rec'd 22/10

* Originator may delete "Except" and insert "including" (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

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9/29/20

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(AS) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE Ref VR/ 297

Date 21 Oct '44

To :

D.M.T. for 2 Tactical Training Teams

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles	Priority of issue.
6	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS Class 1 A	

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Remarks :

Release from 9 Veh Pk CMFHA

FINANCE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Mr).

2. After Q(AS) release and Ord (Mr) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

D.M. Toon Capt
Brigadier,
for Q(AS)

DISTRIBUTION :

Ord (Mr)
File
MMIA.

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Sir. I have the following to report with regard to the attached:

No. 27
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29 - ?
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37 - 37a
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Enclosures to Report No. 61.

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21859
10384

LRGT 2 LAGS OH 64
CUR 2
FROM DIFFORCE 291838A
TO 64 CRV
INFO RAUG
BT
RZCZA. RECTAICTCM . LOMRIDT 1 TOU UATCR CTY 12
DRAW BY YOU FOR G I L RELEASE NOTE RUTC
GENERAL ROAD) 7662 WILL BE HANDED
OVER TO UTAC FOR RE-ALLOCATION AS FOLOWS.
CTY 6 FOR LEGMID GP
CTY FOR TOLCOTE GP
NOTIFY COMPLETION THIS NR
BT TXL 1413A
ZEXT RUL 64 2323Z RUG 64
RZCD 64 2004 RUG 2

5/8/59/2

D.O.
a complete mystery
can you help ?

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12 OCT 1944

SUBJECT:- Vehicles on loan.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
TEL No. FREEDOM 124.
AFHQ/8093/Q(AR).
5 Oct. 44.

H.Q.,
No 2 District.

Reference is made to Q(AR) HQ A.A.I. 3353/1/Q(AR) dated 2 Oct 44.

Please arrange for the Twelve Lorries 3-ton Water to be withdrawn from C.I.L. and handed over to H.A.A.C. for allocation by them in accordance with Para 3 of the above mentioned letter.

D.H.Tosh Capt

D.H.TOSH, Capt.
for Major General G

DHT/FB.

COPIES TO:- H.A.A.C. - These vehicles will be held on loan for a period of 3 months at the end of this period fresh application will be made for retention.

RECEIVED

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Subject: Vehicles on loan.

G.L. NO. FREEDOM 124

AFHQ/8093/Q(AS)

18 Oct. 44

Rome Allied Area Command.

Reference your Q. 136 dated 16 Oct. 44.

Copy of Q(AS) HQ AAI letter 3333/1/Q(AS) dated 2 Oct. 44 is forwarded as requested.

FOR
G (O)
G-1
G-3
CC

ENC.

ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
20 OCT 1944
DATE
G-4 BRITISH

D.H. Tochi
D.H. Tochi, Capt.,
for Major General.

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C O P Y.

Subject: Vehicles on Loan.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- PIEFOT 219

3333/2/4(AE)

2 Oct. 44

AFHQ - Q(AE)

Copies to: Army Sub-Commission AOI.

HQ, 3 District - your signal A2050 dated 1 Sep 44 refers

RAAC - your signal S3-210/(RA2136) dated 30 Sep 44 refers.

1. Under serial No. Q(AE) 3660 dated 3 Sep 44 TWELVE lorries 3 ton water were released to 3 District for maintenance of CIL on moving to FIRENZUOLA D'ALIFE.

2. It was understood that these vehicles would be on LOAN only until CIL vehicles could be withdrawn, and as concentration of CIL is now complete, the TWELVE lorries should be withdrawn. 4431

3. Signal has now been received from Rome Area requesting re-allocation of lorries - (SIX to 'C' BIU for LIBRARO Group.
(SIX to 'D' BIU for FOGGARA Group.

4. This information is passed to you for necessary action please.

IMB.

(SGD) ??????? Capt for
General,
Commander - in - Chief.

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Subject :- Caused M.T.

Military Mission Italian Army,
R O M E,

S/Q/29/2.
11 Oct., 44.

To :- A.F.H.Q. (Q (AF)).
copy to MMIA LO 52 Area.
MMIA LO 54 Area.

1. Reference telephone conversation (LITTLE - HEAD speaking).

2. From information received from MMIA Madison Officer, 52 Area and from Mov and Tn A.F.H.Q., caused M.T. marked C O for ITI Gruppi, is arriving in this country.

3. It is assumed that this will in no way affect normal procedure and that we shall continue to receive vehicle releases from you in the usual manner. You will agree that this Mission has no facilities for the handling or assembly of caused M.T. Do you therefore wish to instruct C Os Docks and Assembly Coys that caused M.T. marked for ITI Gruppi 4430 be considered for all purposes as normal British M.T. and included in any priorities programme you may issue.

for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

2456

CALL	CIRCUIT No.	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
	NR	IMPORTANT	

SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) HQ AAC 54 AREA | DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 111045

TO (FOR ACTION) HQ AIA FOR PIDGELY

TO (FOR INFORMATION)

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS | GR

(REF. No.) IE 138

(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) SECRET 13/12

Qm/10 Hand

HQ AAC 62 AREA REPORTS 174 CASES AT ARRIVING TACHTO FOR GRUFFI SOON. THESE WILL GO TO MONOPOLI PARK UNDER ORD ARRANGEMENTS. HAVE TOLD HIM TO TAKE NO ACTION WHATSOEVER. WHAT IS NEXT STEP QUERY

4429
C/S/sa/2.
S/Sec
12/6

IMPORTANT

Deciphered 120740A Ia

A.2. I suggest we consult ask Hqtrs to circulate vehicles. ∴ NO action - merely make a record note and await AFHQ release note.

WP 13/12

LOCAL DISTRIBUTION	PRECEDENCE:	THI OR TOR	Ops
	ORIGINATING SECTION:		
	A. G. AUTHENTICATION:	TIME CLEARED	
	ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:		

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Italian- M.T. Vehicles.

52 British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.
ORD/21/5.
15 Oct. 1944.

Military Mission To Italian army,
ROME.

Reference your S/Q/29/2 dated 11th Oct. 1944.

1. A complete census of vehicles held by Gruppo Di Combattimento, "Legnano" is being carried out at present.

2. Pending the arrival of Staff Capt, R.S.M.E., nothing can be done regarding the classification of these vehicles.

Major.
(J.M.C. MANSON)
D.A.D.O.S.

JMCM/LSD.

Copy to: D.A.A. & Q.M.G.
: 53 Brit. Liaison Unit.

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S/O 2942 file 13

MESSAGE FORM

From : MMIA

To (For action) : 51 SLU

To (For info) : AFHQ

Date - Time

14 1225 A

SS 181

Security Classification Secret

Expedite despatch vehicle and controlled stores census forms (.)

Paren MME Area _____ Paren (.) Send direct to AFHQ (.)

Report completion.

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PRECEDENCE Important

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER _____

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Subject :- Transport for "B" BLU.

Military Mission Italian Army.
R O M E.
21/29/2
15 Oct., 44.

To :- G(SI) AAI.

Further to telephone conversation of this morning (JACQUES - HEAD speaking).

I enclose eight copies of 51 BLU's letter, N/2 dated 11th. Oct., 44.

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for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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Army Form C1136 (Field of 1957)

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 39/16

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS		No. of Groups	Office Date Stamp
	IN CIPHER SECRET	GR. 5	277
	OUT 29/13	5 Sec	

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO MMIA 17/10

FROM 51 BLU | Originator's Date Q7/5 | Time 16 | In Reply to Number SS181 of 14

RESTRICTED ⊙ Census forms dispatched on correct date 57 area in state forms AFHQ who are to receive ⊙ Census as stipulated ⊙ Fully explained to them by other SOURCES

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN or may be paraphrased | This message must be sent IN CIPHER or cleared by authority of no less than Deputy Major | Originator's instructions Courier or priority

Time of origin 2115

T.H.I. 1617

T.O.R.

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

Routine	Time In	Routing	Service	Routing Out	Time Out	Routing	Service	Routine	Time Out	Groups	Routing 4425

* Originator may delete "Immediate" and insert "Priority"

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Subject :- Census - 31 Oct 44

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Tele No. Freedom 971

AFH/6510/1/Q(AE)

12 Oct 44

H.Q., M.M.I.A.

1. Reference attached letter AFH/6510/1/Q(AE) dated 8 Oct 44.

2. Blank Census forms are enclosed for onward transmission to 'E' and 'F' B.L.Us as previous communications to these units have been returned undelivered to this Headquarters.

3. It is essential that Census forms as at 31 Oct 44 are completed for the two Italian Combat Groups concerned and it would be appreciated if you would ensure that the returns are rendered when due.

4. For subsequent censuses it is hoped that this Headquarters will be able to communicate direct with the B.L.Us.

H.L. MICHAELSON, Lt. Col.,
for Major General, A-G.(Br).

LGC/hh

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Subject :- Monthly Census of Vehicles and Controlled Stores as at 31 Oct 44

SECRET

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/6510/1/Q(AE)

8 Oct 44

To : .....

Reference DOS Circular No. 68

1. Blank Census Forms 45B and 45C are being despatched to you in the quantities indicated on Appendix 'A' to this letter.

2. Vehicle returns are required as usual and should be routed by the Units to the appropriate ADOS or DADOS with Census Forms 45B and 45C.

3. Census Forms 45C (CA), 45C (AA and SL) and Census Form - Radar Equipment, will be sent direct from this H.Q. to the Units concerned and returned by them direct to the appropriate addresses. The Radar Section on the reverse of Census Form 45C need not be completed.

4. Gummed labels are enclosed as usual.

5. A NIL return should be rendered as a brief note. In the case of 'A' Vehicles it should be included on the 'B' Vehicle Return.

6. British equipment held by British employed Italian Units (with the exception of Italian Combat Groups) must be included in the census. C.O's. must include such units in their distribution and ensure that returns are rendered. This letter, together with requisite quantities of blank forms, are addressed to the DADOS of each N.L.O. to Italian Combat Group as per Appendix 'A'.

7. War Office have called for the immediate inclusion in the monthly census of 4423 :-

Rangefinders No.12.

Until a reprint census form 45B containing this amendment is available for distribution, all units will be instructed to report entitlement and holdings of this item under 'General Remarks' on page 6 of form 45B.

8. The following points regarding the correct rendition of census returns are specially mentioned for attention by units :-

(a) Instruction No.3 to Census Form 45B is not being followed by all units. Where details of marks, types, etc., are called for they must be given on the form. Examples of this are :

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3. Census Forms 45C (CA), 45C (AA and SL) and Census Form - Radar Equipment, will be sent direct from this H.Q. to the Units concerned and returned by them direct to the appropriate addressees. The Radar Section on the reverse of Census Form 45C need not be completed.

4. Gummed labels are enclosed as usual.

5. A NIL return should be rendered as a brief note. In the case of 'A' Vehicles it should be included on the 'B' Vehicle Return.

6. British equipment held by British employed Italian Units (with the exception of Italian Combat Groups) must be included in the census. C.C's. must include such units in their distribution and ensure that returns are rendered. This letter, together with requisite quantities of blank forms, are addressed to the DADOS of each M.L.U. to Italian Combat Group as per Appendix 'A'.

7. War Office have called for the immediate inclusion in the monthly census of :-

4423.

Rangefinders No.12.

Until a reprint census form 45B containing this amendment is available for distribution, all units will be instructed to report entitlement and holdings of this item under 'General Remarks' on page 6 of form 45b.

8. The following points regarding the correct rendition of census returns are specially mentioned for attention by units :-

(a) Instruction No.3 to Census form 45B is not being followed by all units. Where details of marks, types, etc., are called for they must be given on the form. Examples of this are :

Item No.	Designation	Additional information called for
7	Pistol Revolver .38 Colt	State length of barrel and and Mk. of Ammn.
144	Detectors Mine Other than Polish	Show holdings by type
229/235	Charging Sets 300 watt	State type of engines and generators.

... etc ...

(b) In certain cases, units holding QEL 3 in Mortars only report the quantity of barrels held. The holdings of mountings by marks must also be given.

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(c) Inf Bns are constantly reporting holdings of :

Vickers .303 Mk.I using Mk.VII Asm
and " " Mk.I " Mk. VIII Asm

As : Vickers .303 Mk. VI
and " " Mk. VII

Units appear to confuse the mark of asm with the mark of the M.M.G. and do not realise that Vickers Mks VI and VII are Tank Weapons.

(d) Units are not correctly reporting holdings of Bomb Throwers, 2 in & the particular marks.

(e) Instruction No.3 of Census Form 45B is not being sufficiently followed necessitating the raising of observations with units. It is requested that O.C's. of units pay stricter attention to this.

(f) Errors still occur in units' vehicle returns, particularly in regard to W.D. numbers reported. Errors of this nature place an unnecessary strain on the maintenance of the vehicle census and units are required to give due regard to the accuracy of returns.

9. M.Q. Signals should render consolidated returns covering all Section under command. The attention of HQ Signals must be drawn to the necessity of stating on each return (i.e. vehicle return and Census Form 45B) the full designation of all the Sections covered in the form.

10. It is essential that all units are covered by the census. Ordnance Officers must ensure that NO unit is omitted due to confusion as to the O.C. responsible. This letter has been sent to the addressees in Appendix 'A' to this letter which shows in general terms only, the responsibility of each addressee. Details of the obligations of O.C's in regard to the monthly census are set out in DOS Circular No. 58.

11. Addressees will please acknowledge on the form attached stating the quantity of forms required for the Nov census and the titles of the O.C's from whom completed returns will be sent.

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R.L. MICHAELS, Lt. Col.
A.A.G., Staff.
for Major General, G-4(Mr).

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(d) Units are not correctly reporting holdings of Bomb Throwers, 2 in by the particular marks.

(e) Instruction No.3 of Census Form 452 is not being sufficiently followed necessitating the reconciliation of observations with units. It is requested that C.O's. of units pay stricter attention to this.

(f) Errors still occur in units' vehicle returns, particularly in regard to M.D. numbers reported. Errors of this nature place an unnecessary strain on the maintenance of the vehicle census and units are required to give due regard to the accuracy of returns.

9. H.Q. Signals should render consolidated returns covering all Sections under command. The attention of HQ Signals must be drawn to the necessity of stating on each return (i.e. vehicle return and Census Form 458) the full designation of all the Sections covered in the form.

10. It is essential that all units are covered by the census. Ordnance Officers must ensure that NO unit is omitted due to confusion as to the C.O. responsible. This letter has been sent to the addressees in Appendix 'A' to this letter which shows in general terms only, the responsibility of each addressee. Details of the obligations of C.O's in regard to the monthly census are set out in DOS Circular No. 68.

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11. Addressees will please acknowledge on the form attached stating the quantity of forms required for the Nov census and the titles of the C.O's from whom completed returns will be sent.

R.L. MICHAELSEN, Lt. Col.
A.A.M.S., Maint.
for Major General, C-in-C(Ex).

Z4C/MT:

Copy to : GHQ MEF (Q(A2))
Q(Ad) HQ AAI
DDOS HQ AAI
DDOS L of C Depots
HQ Eighth Army Main
Q (Maint)
H.Q. NZEA
DOS APHQ
HQ (NZ) E.F. (2 copies)

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DISTRIBUTION OF AFHQ/6510/1/S(Ad) DATED 8 OCT '44. APPENDIX 'A'

Serial No.	Formation (A)	For Distribution to:	No. of Troops forwarded		No. of Par-cels
			A/B	A/C	
1		Units administered	2000	400	8
2		" "	2500	400	8
3		Units administered incl 2 Ind Para Bde	4000	600	12
4		Units administered	800	100	2
5		Units administered incl 6 SA Armd Div Rcn Gp	4000	600	12
6		Units administered incl 9 Armd Bde and 3 Beach Gp			
7		Units administered incl 7 Armd Bde	1200	100	4
8		Units administered	850	100	3
9		Units administered incl 1 Cdn Armd Bde	800	100	3
10		Units administered incl 21 and 25 Tank Bdes and 3 Greek Mountain Bde	550	75	2
11		Units administered incl 2 Polish Armd Bde and 2 Polish Corps Sub-Area	575	100	2
12		Units administered	150	50	1
13		Units administered	500	150	2
14		Units administered incl 21 and 37 Beach Gp and Florence Command	250	150	1
15		Units administered	300	75	1
16		Units administered incl 10 Inf Bde	300	75	1
17		Units administered	300	75	1
18		" "	300	75	1
19		" "	150	75	1
20		" "	300	75	1
21		" "	150	100	1
22		" "	300	75	1
23		" "	250	50	1
24		Units administered incl 61 Inf Bde	300	50	1
25		Units administered incl 24 Gds Bde	300	75	1
26	7 Polish Res Div addressed to DADOS, HQ [illegible]	Units administered	300	75	1

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7		Units administered incl 7 Armd Bde	1200	100	4
8		Units administered	650	100	3
9		Units administered incl 1 CDn Armd Bde	800	100	3
10		Units administered incl 2nd and 25 Tank Bdes and 3 Greek Mountain Bde	550	70	2
11		Units administered incl 2 Polish Armd Bde and 2 Polish Corps Sub-Area	575	100	2
12		Units administered	150	30	1
13		Units administered	500	150	2
14		Units administered incl 21 and 57 Beach Gp and Florence Command	250	100	1
15		Units administered	200	75	1
16		Units administered incl 16 Inf Bde	300	75	1
17		Units administered	300	75	1
18		" "	250	75	1
19		" "	300	75	1
20		" "	400	100	2
21		" "	300	75	1
22		" "	250	80	1
23		" "	300	90	1
24		Units administered incl 6th Inf Bde	300	75	1
25		Units administered incl 2nd Cdo Bde	300	75	1
26	7 Polish Res Div addressed to DADOS, HQ Base of 2 Polish Corps	Units administered	400	100	1
27		" "	300	50	1
28		" "	300	75	1
29	ADOS 46 (Br) Inf Div	" "	300	75	1
30	ADOS 56 (Br) Inf Div	" "	300	75	1
31	ADOS 78 (Br) Inf Div	" "	300	75	1
32	ADOS Brit. Incr. 7(US) Army	" "	200	50	1
33	'A' B.L.U.	" "	150	10	1
34	'B' B.L.U.	" "	150	10	1
35	'C' B.L.U.	" "	150	10	1
36	'D' B.L.U.	" "	150	10	1
37	'E' B.L.U.	" "			
38	'F' B.L.U.	" "			
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(A) Where this column is left blank, the addressees will be read from the same serial numbers appearing on Appx 'A' to AFHQ/6510/1/S(AE) dated 14 Aug '44.

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RECEIPT FORM

Substitute A.F. A.16

To : Q(AE) Branch,
A.F.H.Q.,
C.M.F.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of AFHQ/6510/1/Q(AE) dated 4 Oct 44 and.... parcels of blank census forms.

2. The following quantities of blank forms are required for the 20 Nov 44 census :

Form	Qty required
Census Form 45B	.....
Census Form 45C	.....

3. Completed returns will be despatched by the following Ordnance Officers (this information is required from addressees who distribute forms to other C.O's for despatch of completed forms direct to CHQ MTF and AFHQ).

Signed .....

Formation or District 4.....

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Date .....

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Subject :- Monthly Census of Vehicles and Controlled Stores as at 31 Oct 44

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/6510/1/Q(AP)

8 Oct 44

To : .....

Reference DCS Circular No. 68

1. Blank Census Forms 45B and 45C are being despatched to you in the quantities indicated on a pemain 'Z' to this letter.

2. Vehicle returns are required as usual and should be routed by the Units to the appropriate ADOS or DADOS with Census Forms 45B and 45C.

3. Census Forms 45C (CA), 45C (AA and SL) and Census Form - Radar Equipment, will be sent direct from this H.Q. to the Units concerned and returned by them direct to the appropriate addressee. The Radar Section on the reverse of Census Form 45C need not be completed.

4. Census labels are enclosed as usual.

5. A NIL return should be rendered as a brief note. In the case of 'A' Vehicles it should be included on the 'B' Vehicle Return.

6. British equipment held by British employed Italian Units (with the exception of Italian Combat Groups) must be included in the census. G.O's. must include such units in their distribution and ensure that returns are rendered. This letter, together with requisite quantities of blank forms, are addressed to the DADOS of each L.L.U. to Italian Combat Group as per Appendix 'A'.

4419

7. War Office have called for the immediate inclusion in the monthly census of :-

Rangefinders No.12.

Until a reprint census form 45B containing this amendment is available for distribution, all units will be instructed to report entitlement and holdings of this item under 'General Remarks' on page 8 of form 45B.

8. The following points regarding the correct rendition of census returns are specially mentioned for attention by units :-

(a) Instruction No.5 to Census Form 45B is not being followed by all units. Where details of marks, types, etc., are called for they must be given on the form. Examples of this are :

Item No.	Description	Additional Information

2. Vehicle returns are required as usual and should be routed by the Units to the appropriate AWS or DADOS with Census Forms 45B and 45C.

3. Census Forms 45C (CA), 45C (AA and SL) and Census Form - Radar Equipment, will be sent direct from this H.Q. to the Units concerned and returned by them direct to the appropriate addressee. The Radar Section on the reverse of Census Form 45C need not be completed.

4. Census labels are enclosed as usual.

5. A NIL return should be rendered as a brief note. In the case of 'A' Vehicles it should be included on the 'B' Vehicle Return.

6. British equipment held by British employed Italian Units (with the exception of Italian Combat Groups) must be included in the census. O.C's. must include such units in their distribution and ensure that returns are rendered. This letter, together with requisite quantities of blank forms, are addressed to the DADOS of each L.L.U. to Italian Combat Group as per Appendix 'A'.

4419

7. War Office have called for the immediate inclusion in the monthly census of :-

Rangefinders No.12.

Until a reprint census form 45B containing this amendment is available for distribution, all units will be instructed to report entitlement and holdings of this item under 'General Remarks' on page 5 of form 45B.

8. The following points regarding the correct rendition of census returns are specially mentioned for attention by units :-

(a) Instruction No.3 to Census Form 45B is not being followed by all units. Where details of marks, types, etc., are called for they must be given on the form. Examples of this are :

Item No.	Designation	Additional information called for
7	Pistol Revolver .38 Colt	State length of barrel and and Mk. of Ammn.
144	Detectors Mine Other than Polish	Show holdings by type
229/235	Charging Sets 300 watt	State type of engines and generators.

... etc ...

(b) In certain cases, units holding QF 3 in Mortars only report the quantity of barrels held. The holdings of mountings by marks must also be given.

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(c) Inf Bns are constantly reporting holdings of :

Vickers .303 Mk.I using Mk.VII Asm
and " " Mk.I " Mk. VIII2 Asm

as : Vickers .303 Mk. VI
and " " Mk. VII

Units appear to confuse the mark of asm with the mark of the M.M.G. and do not realise that Vickers Mks VI and VII are Tank Weapons.

(d) Units are not correctly reporting holdings of Bomb Throwers, 2 in by the particular marks.

(e) Instruction No.8 of Census Form 45L is not being sufficiently followed necessitating the issuing of observations with units. It is requested that C.O's. of units pay greater attention to this.

(f) Errors still occur on units' vehicle returns, particularly in regard to M.D. numbers reported. Errors of this nature place an unnecessary strain on the maintenance of the vehicle census and units are required to give due regard to the accuracy of returns.

9. H.Q. Signals should render consolidated returns covering all Section under command. The attention of HQ Signals must be drawn to the necessity of stating on each return (i.e. vehicle return and Census Form 45E) the full designation of all the Sections covered in the form.

10. It is essential that all units are covered by the census. Ordnance Officers must ensure that NO unit is omitted due to confusion as to the O.C. responsible. 4418.
This letter has been sent to the addressees in Appendix 'A' to this letter which shews in general terms only, the responsibility of each addressee. Details of the obligations of C.O's in regard to the monthly census are set out in DOS Circular No. 68.

11. Addressees will please acknowledge on the form attached adding the quantity of forms required for the Nov census and the titles of the C.O's from whom completed returns will be sent.

R.L. MICHELSON, Lt. Col.
A.A.G., Staff.
for Major General, C-in-C(Br).

Ltr/MH

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(d) Units are not correctly reporting holdings of Bomb Throwers, 2-in by the particular marks.

(e) Instruction No.8 of Census Form 45E is not being sufficiently followed necessitating the rejection of observations which units. It is requested that C.O's. of units pay stricter attention to this.

(f) Errors still occur in units' vehicle returns, particularly in regard to W.D. numbers reported. Errors of this nature place an unnecessary strain on the maintenance of the whole census and units are required to give due regard to the accuracy of returns.

9. H.Q. Signals should render consolidated returns covering all Section under command. The attention of HQ Signals must be drawn to the necessity of stating on each return (i.e. vehicle return and Census Form 45B) the full designation of all the Sections covered in the form.

10. It is essential that all units are covered by the census. Ordnance Officers must ensure that NO unit is omitted due to confusion as to the C.O. responsible. This letter has been sent to the addressees in Appendix 'A' to this letter which shews in general terms only, the responsibility of each addressee. Details of the obligations of C.O's in regard to the monthly census are set out in DOS Circular No. 68.

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11. Addressees will please acknowledge on the form attached adding the quantity of forms required for the Nov census and the titles of the C.O's from whom completed returns will be sent.

R.L. MICHAELSEN, Lt. Col.
A.A.G.M.S., Stats.
for Major General, G.S.(Br).

L.C/MH

Copy to : GHQ MEF (A(AG))
Q(Ad) HQ AAI
DADOS HQ AAI
DDOS L of C Depots
HQ Eighth Army Main
Q (Maint)
H.Q. MMIA
DOS AFHQ
HQ (MC) R.F. (2 copies)

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DISTRIBUTION OF AFHQ/4510/1/3(AG) DATED 8 OCT '44. APPENDIX 'A'

Serial No.	Formation (A)	For Distribution to:	No. of forms forwarded 455	450	No. of Parcels
1		Units administered	2000	400	6
2		" "	2500	400	8
3		Units administered incl 2 Ind Para Bde	4000	400	12
4		Units administered	300	100	1
5		Units administered incl 6 SA Armd Div Res Gp	4000	400	12
6		Units administered incl 9 Armd Bde and 3 Beach Gp			
7		Units administered incl 7 Armd Bde	1200	100	4
8		Units administered	850	NIL	3
9		Units administered incl 1 Can Armd Bde	800	100	3
10		Units administered incl 21 and 25 Tank Bdes and 3 Greek Mountain Bde	550	75	2
11		Units administered incl 2 Polish Armd Bde and 2 Polish Corps Sub-Area	675	100	2
12		Units administered	150	50	1
13		Units administered	500	150	2
14		Units administered incl 21 and 37 Beach Gp and Florence Command	250	150	1
15		Units administered	300	75	1
16		Units administered incl 18 Inf Bde	300	75	1
17		Units administered	300	75	1
18		" "	300	75	1
19		" "	350	75	1
20		" "	300	75	1
21		" "	300	75	1
22		" "	400	100	1
23		" "	300	75	1
24		" "	250	50	1
25		Units administered incl 61 Inf Bde	300	50	1
26	7 Polish Res Div addressed to DADOS, HQ Base of 2 Polish Corps	Units administered incl 24 Gds Bde	300	75	1
27		Units administered	300	75	1
		" "	400	100	1

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		7 Armd Bde	1200	100	3
8		Units administered	850	100	3
9		Units administered incl 1 Cdn Armd Bde	800	100	3
10		Units administered incl 2¹ and 25 Tank Bdes and 3 Greek Mountain Bde	650	75	2
11		Units administered incl 2 Polish Armd Bde and 2 Polish Corps Sub-Area	575	100	2
12		Units administered	150	50	1
13		Units administered	500	150	2
14		Units administered incl 21 and 37 Beach Gp and Florence Command	250	150	1
15		Units administered	300	75	1
16		Units administered incl 18 Inf Bde	300	75	1
17		Units administered	300	75	1
18		" "	300	75	1
19		" "	250	75	1
20		" "	300	75	1
21		" "	300	100	1
22		" "	300	75	1
23		" "	250	50	1
24		Units administered incl 61 Inf Bde	300	50	1
25		Units administered incl 24 Gds Bde	300	75	1
26	7 Polish Res Div addressed to DADOS, HQ Base of 2 Polish Corps	Units administered	300	75	1
27		" "	500	100	1
28		" "	300	50	1
29	ADOS 46 (Br) Inf Div	" "	300	75	1
30	ADOS 56 (Br) Inf Div	" "	300	75	1
31	ADOS 78 (Br) Inf Div	" "	300	75	1
32	ADOS Brit. Incr. 7(US) Army	" "	200	50	1
33	'A' B.L.U.	" "	160	10	1
34	'B' B.L.U.	" "	160	10	1
35	'C' B.L.U.	" "	160	10	1
36	'D' B.L.U.	" "	160	10	1
37	'E' B.L.U.	" "			
38	'F' B.L.U.	" "			
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(A) Where this column is left blank, the addressees will be read from the same serial numbers appearing on App 'A' to AFHQ/5510/1/Q(AE) dated 1½ Aug '44.

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RECEIPT FORM

To : Q(AE) Branch,
A.F.H.Q.,
C.M.F.

Substitute A.F. A.16

1. Receipt is acknowledged of A.F.H.Q/8510/1/Q(AE) dated 9 Oct 44 and..... parcels of blank census forms.

2. The following quantities of blank forms are required for the 30 Nov 44 census :

Form	Qty required
Census Form 4/50	.....
Census Form 4/50	.....

3. Completed returns will be despatched by the following Ordnance Officers (this information is required from addressees who distribute forms to other O.O's for despatch of completed forms direct to GHQ MEF and AFHQ).

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Signed .....

Formation or District .....

.....

Date .....

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S/0/39/2.

SECRET

"D" British Liaison Unit

A 2

Subject :- Transport for "B" B L U

To :-
HQ MMLA

D M T
"A" B L U
"C" B L U
"D" D L U

Ref your message SS 164 of 9 Oct.

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P Us	2	Trucks 15-cwt Wireless Route	2
Motor Cycles	6	Lorries 3-ton	3
Trucks 15-cwt	3	Water Trucks	1

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It is most discouraging to keen and efficient officers who are anxious to make a success of this project to be rendered impotent to perform their duties to their satisfaction by a lack of tpt. I cannot believe that Higher Authority can be conscious of the situation or would agree to a continuance of this state of affairs. There is alleged to be a shortage of vehs. This may be true theoretically but it is a plea that cannot convince officers who see vast fleets of Jeeps and Staff cars lined outside static HQs in this area.

I may add that even allowing no room for personal kit of any type, and assuming that it is suggested that the Italians are to be confronted by the spectacle of the officers of their British Liaison Unit on the move crammed into Jeeps and riding M/Cs, there is NOT even the seating for the present strength of the unit.

/To sheet 2

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I have spoken to the G 1s of A, B and D B L Cs and all are agreed that the following scale is the minimum that is required for reasonable efficiency.

Veh	No	Notes
Cars 4 x 4 - 4 seater	2	In lieu of P Cs
Jeeps	4	Extra to proposed W E
Trucks 15-cwt	3	
Trucks 15-cwt Wireless House	2	
L C V	1	Extra to proposed W E
Lorries 3-ton	6	An increase of 3 on proposed W E
Water Cart	1	

The CHEMICAL Div is a good unit by Italian standards and given a proper start I and my officers are convinced that this experiment can be made a success. To have our efforts hampered in this way is engendering a sense of frustration which is most undesirable, and to my mind utterly unnecessary.

Field
4 Oct 44
HWMC/EOT 313

W. H. Tant

Lt Col
General Staff

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MESSAGE FORM

AGWT FORM C2180 (Small)

Call | Ref. No. | Priority: QUR

Transmission Instructions

Register No. 912 48

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

Originator

FROM (A) SO Bell

Date-Time of Origin: 12th mid O

For Action

MMIH

Signal Cent 1

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

AFHQ

Message Instructions — OP

Originator's No. ORD 31 RESTRICTED O Your SS 171 of 12th O

Census forms for controlled stores and vehicles despatched as follows O 1st ITALIAN combat group direct AFHQ 1/10 O Bell through Area

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means [except / without cipher]

Instructions to be encrypted in the following cipher. This message must be sent IN CIPHER

Originator's Instructions: Degree of Priority 4416

Time | System | Op

TH or TOR

Time cleared

Signed

Name

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File 47

FROM MEIA

TO 50 BLU 12 1045 A

INFO AFHQ

SS 171 RESTRICTED

Q (AE) AFHQ report non receipt Vehicle and Controlled Stores census forms (.) PAREN NONE AREA _____ PAREN (.) Please expedite (.) Send direct to AFHQ and not rpt not through district

PRECEDENCE Important

AUTHENTICATED [signature]
Major

4413

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46.

SUBJECT: M.T. Vehicles

MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
G/G/29/2
11 Oct 44

51 SLU

Copy to: 53 SLU

1. Reference your Grd/E dated 7th October 1944. Will you please send immediately a return to this office showing (a) holdings by types and (b) conditions of these vehicles. The conditions should show, if possible, whether vehicles are Class 1, Class V or should be evacuated.

2. Would you take steps to evacuate all unserviceable vehicles and obtain B.L.R. certificates.

3. Pending a decision as to the disposal of these vehicles, please do all you can to assist Folgore Group in the matter of transport.

Major General
M M I A

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Major General
M M I A

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FROM IAEA

TO E MEJI

SS 164

09 [illegible] A

RESTRICTED

Your Q201 (.) PARIS NOSE AREA_____PARIS (.) Will try and get your NK tpt increased but not very hopeful (.) In any case it must take time

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED

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SECRET

(1) ADDED AS PER TI HAQ.
PRIOR: FILE NO 75
2024/39/G(Tr)

8 Oct 44.

SECRET:- Notes on Field Marshal Graziani.

DAH

Copy to: AMIS
G.1

(AE)

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M.M.I.A.	Used
FILE REF	S/0139/2
Date Rec'd	10/10/44

Reference HED/155/M21 dated 21 Sep 44.

1. The above has been circulated to Adm Branches of this H.Q. for info. and one side.

2. The only comments received are those from G(AE), copy of whose letter 3530/2A/(AE) dated 8 Oct is att.

4:09

3. You are requested to ensure that HQs with Italian Ground Forces also implement as above the reclassification of Gp 4.

4. A separate instruction on 'A' matters is being issued by this H.Q.

16/10

Lt General,
Commander-in-Chief.

Lt Peterken to see.

WP

COPY

TOP SECRET 42

SUBJECT:- Notes on Trg of Italian Gruppi.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

THEMA: FILE 02, 219

3550/20/ (AS)

8 Oct 44.

MAIA	
FILE REF	/
Date Recd	/ /

G(Trg)

Ref your 2004/59/G(Trg) of 28 Sep and att directive by DMT returned herewith.

1. It is considered absolutely essential that very careful instruction is given to Italian personnel of Gruppi in the maintenance of all British eqpt issued to them. The initial provision of this eqpt has only been possible at the expense of other commitments, and stocks will not permit replacement at the excessive rate, which would result from careless or ignorant handling.

2. While the above applies to all eqpt, it applies particularly to weapons and vehs. Weapons may be covered by para 4 (a) of the att, but there is no mention of vehs, which due to their shortage, are always the governing factor in the eqpt of any fmn.

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3. It is possible it is not considered part of DMT's function to issue instructions on this subject, and separate orders may have been issued by MAIA. On the other hand in view of the importance, it would be appreciated if you would draw the attention of DMT to the matter. Italians should be instructed to maintain vehs on the daily task system and to use AB 412 and AB 406 or equivalent in the same manner as is now operative in the British Army. The most rigorous steps should be taken to ensure the correct fulfilment of this procedure, and disciplinary action taken against offenders. Only by instituting this right from the start is it likely to become effective.

signed, G.J.P. MACRAE Lt Col
for Brigadier,
D/SD.

DMT.

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ARMY FORM G2136 (Recall)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call | Sri. No. | CIPHER SECTION | Transmission Instructions

MMIA
FILE REF
Code page

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

Device Date Stamp

FROM (A) Originator: B B L H | Date-Time of Origin: 081645A

For Action: M M I A

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — OB

Group No.

Q 201 D C L H withdrew their last JEEP from the unit today @ Q2 one & one JEEPS will go in W/shops this leaves two with two wheels Rain has rendered road impassible for MPs @ Work & time will improve early tomorrow AM if D Sunderland @ Company thereafter Accepted by investigation @ may offer @

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THI or TOR

Time cleared

This Message May Be Sent AS WRITTEN By Any Means { Key Ltr. / Cable Ltr. } Cable Ltr.

Signed

Is Liable To Be Intercepted Or To Fall Into Enemy Hands. This Message Must Be Sent IN CIPHER

Signed

Indicate Any Corrections Degree Of Priority

IMMEDIATE

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ARMY FORM CH36 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 1876

Call | Sel. No. | Instructions: CIPHER SECRET (2)

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator | Date-Time of Origin 081045A | Office Date Stamp 238B

For Action

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions | ATR

Originator's No.

Grateful if recalc suggested at Conference
CGI - PIDSLEY - be approved early & Consider this
vital for success of scheme

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This Message is to be sent AS WRITTEN / BY MEANING { (EXCEPT) } WITHHOLD

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER

Signed [illegible]

Designation & Instructions Degree of Priority IMMEDIATE

Time | Date | Ch.

(M) or TOR 081240A

Time cleared

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LEOF V LAKE NR 13

GVR 3-4-5

FROM DISTRESS 071435Z

TO A ELU

INFO MAIN AAI " RAAC MMIA 7 3E VEH COY

GOX GR 3E

0317 . RESTRICTED . REF AFHQ SIGNAL FX35005 OF 6. VEHS

RELEASED YOU AS FOLLOWS. 5 VP RELEASE NOTE A1139 . 12 VP RELEASE

NOTE A1138 . 6 VP RELEASE NOTE A1137. ARRANGE COLLECTION .

CONFIRMATION FOLLOWS

BT

SENT NR 13 08/0252A AY E KK

T/13 RD 08/0252A CP AR K

M.M.I.A.	Sec
FILE REF	129
Date Recd	8/10

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DECLASSIFIED E.O. 12958, SEC. 3.5 NSC MEMO, 11/24/98, STATE DEPT. GUIDELINES

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Subject :- Training Vehicles for Italian Grup i Di Combattimenti

S/QDa/2

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Tels No. Freedom 125

AFHQ/6442/1/Q(AE)

5 Oct 44

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D.M.T.

Reference is made to Q(AE) HQ AAI letter 3333/3/Q(AE) dated 1 Oct 44.

In view of the uncertainty in regard to condition with the issue of category vehicles from R.V.Ps it is requested you arrange with MMLA for a representative to visit R.V.Ps using this letter as authority and earmark suitable motor cycles from Class II and Class 5 stocks up to the number required.

On receipt of the R.V. numbers and classification of vehicles chosen, release authority will be issued.

for

D.H. TUCH, Captain,
for Intendant,
Q(AE).

DHT/AH

Copy to : MMLA
Genl (Ior)

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MMA
FILE REF
Date Recd 4/10

SUBJECT :- Water Trucks

maj Head Q 4/10

MMA IO
c/o 'G' BLD GHQ
Ref 3/41

2 Ocs 44

LEONARD GRUPO
FOLGORE GRUPPO

Copy to :- 'G' BLD
MMA LO FOLGORE GRUPPO
MMA NORK

1. Six of the twelve water trucks which were issued on loan to GIL from 3 DISTRICT will be taken over forthwith by FOLGORE GRUPPO. FOLGORE will be responsible entirely for their maintenance etc and will show these on their returns as on loan from 3 DISTRICT.

2. MMA have been asked in this office signal 2 Ocs of 27 Sep to sanction the issue of 6 of these water trucks each to LEONARD and FOLGORE GRUPPI.

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MAJ RA

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RAK ~~RAF~~ Rec'd 0 P.

~~SDC~~ DEPS 1172 CVR 1 IMPORTANT PUMPA 1498

FROM C BLU 221528A

TO ~~LRGF~~ LRGF

INFO MAIN AAI DISTRICT 64 CRN

CGX CR 37

RG/2. YOUR SS 113. 6 3 TON WATER LORRIES SHOULD BE ALLOCATED LEGNANO CP ANE NOT EPT NOT THIS UNIT.

BLU HAS NO FACILITIES FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICE GUARDING OR DRIVING VEHICLES. THESE FOR SOLE USE LEGNANO CP

BT 23141

SENT NR 72 1630 KWJP

MA

X/2 ND 23/1638A CP 3 AR KKK

35/4 33 1498 noted.

P 31 3 3a See 42 4 10

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R 140436 III

[illegible] OF V ERLC NR 71

FROM MMIA LO LEGNANO GRUPPO 200 8211136

TO ACTION MMIA ROME

GR --- RT

0261 (.) RESTRICTED.

MAY A REPLY BE RECEIVED TO MT 0 256 OF 27 SEP

BT

SENT: MR 71 SJ 02/2257 Z1 K

MR 71 RECD 02:0376 PJS AR KKK

MMIA FILE REF Disp Instr 8/Sec 291 3/70

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5 Sec.

4-10-44

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILPOT 219

3333/1/Q(AS)

2 Oct 44.

Subject:- Vehicles on Loan.

AFHQ - Q(AS)

Copies to:- Army Sub-Commission ACC.

HQ, 3 District - your signal A2050 dated 1 Sep 44 refers.

RAAC - your signal 83 110/(RA9136) dated 30 Sep 44 refers.

1. Under serial No. Q(AS) 3660 dated 3 Sep 44 TWELVE lorries 3 ton water were released to 3 District for maintenance of CIL on moving to PIEMONTE D'ALIES.

2. It was understood that these vehicles would be on loan only until CIL vehicles could be withdrawn, and as concentration of CIL is now complete, the TWELVE lorries should be withdrawn.

3. Signal has now been received from Rosa Area requesting re-allocation of lorries - { SIX to 'C' SIL for LEGNANO Group. { SIX to 'D' SIL for FOGGIA Group.

4. This information is passed to you for necessary action please.

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For General,
Commander - in - Chief.

D.D.

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SUBJECT:- Training Vehicles for Italian Gruppi di Combattimenti

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FIELDOT 219

S/Spec. 2/29/2

3333/3/Q(AB)

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AFHQ - Q(AB)

Copies to: Army Sub Commission ACC - Your S/Q/29/2 undated refers.
IMT - My 3550/20/Q(AB) dated 22 Aug 44 refers.

1. Attached report on MCs ex 4 Vehicle Group has been received from MMLA and is forwarded for action by you as necessary.

2. By arrangements with IMT 92 Class II MCs were released for training of GRUPPI under Q(AB) release serial No 3571 dated 21 Aug 44.

3. MMLA now request that all unservicable MCs be replaced by runners or Class I vehicles.

Q 3/10

MLP

L. Rascal Capt for
General,
Commander-in-Chief.

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Jul 33

To (For action) : MAIN AAI

To (For info) : DISTRONS, C BLU, D BLU, 64 Garrison

5/Q/39/2.

SS 110

Reference AAI release serial No. Q(AK)3660 request reallocation lorries 3 ton water as follows 6 to "C" BLU for LEGNANO Group and 6 to "D" BLU for FOLGORE Group (.) Paren ROME Area _____ Paren For LEGNANO Group your 1256 dated 27 refers

WP

Priority

(Sgd)_____

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(VX) 5/Q/29/72 updated
as Class II

Memorandum

Major YATES

DOT

Major Head: We spoke
to Lord Yates Capt Baxter
and ad on NMCA Rep to
discuss Vehicles
Cd. Major (Peter have a
copy of (A) above! 1.10.70

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Subject:- Training Vehicles for Italian Gruppi di Combattimenti.

Military Mission Italian Army.
ROME.
S/G/29/2.
27 Sept., 44.

To:- G(AS) Adv.
copy to "A" & "I" Sub.

Reference motor cycles recently released for training FRIULI and CREMONA Gruppi di Combattimenti. Attached please find reports on motor cycles drawn from Vehicle Park. This is by no means a complete report but is sufficient to show that many of the cycles issued are quite useless for training purposes.

May authority be given for all unserviceable cycles to be replaced by runners or Class I vehicles.

Gd. AJH.

Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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MOTOR CYCLES FOR ISSUE.

MAKE.	W.D. No.	REMARKS.
Triumph	526	Nil
Triumph.	532	Nil
Ariel.	4813868	Nil
Matchless	003	Nil
Triumph	009	Nil
Triumph	530	Nil
Triumph	094	Nil
Triumph	5274043	Nil
B.S.A.	5124425	Nil
Triumph	5273553	Nil — Batteries deficient. Lighting not inspected including dynamos and voltage controls.
Matchless	4992029	Nil
Ariel	4814899	Puncture rear wheel
Triumph	136	Nil
Triumph	125	Nil
Triumph	5423714	Nil
Triumph	5207298	Nil

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REPLACEMENT PARTS REQUIRED.

Triumph	4854975	R.H. foot rest. Silencer.
Triumph	5272316	K/S Pinion. Speedo & cable. HT lead Frame & forks.
Matchless	891	Rear wheel U/S. Silencer def. petrol pipe.
Triumph	5274031	G/Box.
B.S.A.	4701928	Carb comp. Ign control Front tube, brake cable.
Triumph	5272241	Engine U/S Rear wheel U/S Headlamp def.
Triumph	5207477	Brake cable, clutch cable, rear brake rod def., headlamp def. Dyno U/S. K/S pinions.
Ariel	5167185	Front brake cable, headlamp, dyno, air control wire, air slide & spring. R.H. foot rest.
Matchless	4993966	Rear & front wheels U/S, engine U/S. K/S def. oil pipes, headlamp, saddle cover def. Forks U/S.
Triumph	4853594	Engine U/S, dyno U/S & rear wheel.
Ariel	4815587	K/S lever, gear lever, headlamp, voltage control, gear box and plate. L.H. & R.H. foot rests, speedo clutch control.
Ariel	5169510	Gear box U/S. tank filler cap, R.H. foot rest clutch wire, front brake rod & control wire.
Matchless	4840930	K/S def. Throttle wire.
Norton	4994396	Headlamp, clutch lever & wire, L.H. foot rest, throttle control, engine U/S.
Ariel	4814800	L.H. foot rest. K/S pinions.
Norton	419600.4	Valve cover, front brake wire.
Matchless	No W.D. No.	Nil.
Triumph	5272711	Petrol tank filler cap, clutch wire, lever, G/box.
Ariel	4994156	Clutch wire, front brake wire, K/start, headlamp.
Triumph	889966	Engine U/S, G/Box U/S, rear wheel brake rod.
Triumph	5272316	Handle bars, forks, wheel. (Crash).
Ariel	4815169	Exhaust pipe, L.H. & R.H. foot rests, oil pipe.
B.S.A.	4197727	Rear wheel, slipping clutch.

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DIRECTOR OF MILITARY TRAINING
A.F.H.Q, C.M.F.

SUBJECT : Training Vehicles.

Tel : 11656

IMT/184/MT.2

31.

M.M.I.A., C.M.F.

27 Sep 44

1. Attached is a copy letter G/T/1 dated 19 Sep 44 from OC 'B' British Liaison Unit (Italian Army) for your information and action as considered necessary.

2. This Directorate has instructed OC 'B' British Liaison Unit to forward BLR certificates for the non-runners, when every possible effort will be made to obtain more suitable replacement vehicles.

3. There is no doubt that some form of recovery and repair organisation is necessary if low class training vehicles, which of necessity had to be issued, are to be kept in running order.

Maj Acad on Return
Rec 1/10

WP

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Brig.,
D.M.T.

HY/hj

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C O P Y.

"D" B.L.U., C.M.F.

Ref : G/T/1
Date : 19 Sep 44

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SUBJECT : Training Vehicles.

D.M.T., A.F.H.Q.

Ref your DMT/184/MT2 of 28 Aug please note that the CREMONA Division to which this unit is accredited has drawn so far 13 Class I and 24 Class V 3 ton trucks for training purposes.

Of this latter no less than eleven are definite no-runners. This is chiefly due to siezing of big ends, lack of any transmission, burst radiators and other defects which are quite beyond local repairs. It is of course quite futile to issue hopeless non-runners and I should be grateful if I could be given authority to draw vehicles in lieu which are capable of moving.

In this connection may I point out that the CREMONA Division has no LAD or similar unit. There are no recovery vehicles and if, as is frequently the case, trucks are involved in accidents, I have to send to Naples for a recovery vehicle. As I have no communication of any sort at present, this means an officer being absent from his duties here for a whole day.

I fully appreciate that we must make the best of what we have and No. 3 District are, at my request, taking up the matter of our communications but I feel that with the broken down or nearly broken down vehicles with which the Gruppi have necessarily to be issued, some form of recovery organisation must, at this stage, be laid on from British sources.

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(Sgd) ????????????
Lt Col
General Staff
O i/c 'B' British Liaison Unit.

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SUBJECT:- Release of Tpt on loan.

3 District
Ext 113
342 Q
28 Sep 44

AFHQ Q(AE)

Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)
MMIA LO

Ref your AFHQ/8093/Q(AE) of 23 Sep 44.

1. 9 lorries 3 ton water were released by this HQ on loan to MMIA for PRIULI Div on 3 District release note A 868, Serial 3547, dated 17 Aug 44.

Maj Heard on return

Lt Col Bradford
Maj Gen Howard
Comd
(GM DEADFORD)

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13/29

LROF V LRLC NR45

FROM MMIA LO LEGNANO GRUPPO DATE/TOO 271130A

TO HQ MMIA ROME

QQX GR45 BT

Q256.

RESTRICTED. REF MMIA AQ/S OF 7 SEP. REQUEST TWELVE WATER TRUCKS NOW ON LOAN TO CIL BE ISSUED FORTHWITH SIX EACH TO LEGNANO AND FOLGORE GRUPPI. FOR 64 GRN. YOUR Q505/23 OF 25 ALL WATER TRUCKS FULLY EMPLOYED NONE CAN BE WITHDRAWN. ALL INFORMED.

BT

SENT NR45 2107 ME B2

RD NR 45 2107 JWR BBB 1 KKKKK

Major Heath
Discuss with AQ 4393 necessity
Africa. They must retain those
these on loan in for
their entitlement. WP

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SUBJECT:- Vehicle Releases.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

TEL No.PERRON 12.

AFHQ/8101/Q(AE).

17 Sep.44.

Ord (Br).

Reference is made to our Ref VH/190 dated 28 Sep 44, in respect of vehicles issued to No.3 District for 1st Italian Combat Group.

Please delete remarks and substitute following:-

Issued in 2 Lorries 3-ton Water released under VH 77 dated 15 Sep 44.

Issues will be made from GL I and GL II stocks.

D.H.TUCK, Capt.
for Brigadier,Q(AE).

DH Tuck Capt

MAT/PB.

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M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Action and Filing on Italian Army Road Transport

1. The present note summarises and amplifies procedure as now approved by the Staff in implementation of MELA Office Instruction No 46 reference responsibility in MELA for administering Italian Army Road Transport.

2. W.e.f. 29 Sep 44 files as per attached list will be operated in ST. Former ST files on Motor Transport and POL will be closed.

3. Following former A/Q files will be closed w.e.f. 29 Sep 44:-

AQ/5/1	M.T. Details
AQ/5/2	M.T. Spares
AQ/5/4	M.T. Issues
AQ/5/5	Tyres and Tubes
SD/1/series	Controlled Stores M.T.

4. Following AQ and SD files will continue as heretofore:-

AQ/5	M.T. General Policy
AQ/10/1	Requisitioning Policy
GSD/6/1	Organisation of M.T. Units
GSD/6/2	Poligruno Driving School
GSD/6/4	Organisation of [redacted] Units

5. Reference incoming signals and correspondence on Italian Army Road Transport matters, Chief Clerk MELA will decide routing to ST or AQ or SD respectively, taking note that papers formerly ascribed to the files in para 3 will henceforward be routed to ST. Whenever importance of subject matter justifies the work involved, extra copies of incoming documents will be made (by arrangement) for information of the section(s) to whom the original document is not allocated.

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6. Reference outgoing signals and correspondence on Italian Army Road Transport matters ST will provide copies for AQ and/or SD whenever subject matter requires, and AQ and SD are requested to reciprocate.

7. Modifications and additions to the T/File list herewith will be made from time to time in the light of experience

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26 Sep 44.

DISTRIBUTION:- "AQ"
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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.

T/7 Requisitioning Procedure.

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I/4. Operation of Vehicle Cargos October 1944.

I/5 Operation of MHL Vehicle Card Index System

I/6 Operation of Windshield Label Control Scheme.

I/7 Requisitioning Procedure.

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E. Runners.

T/21 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 Recording 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).

T/29 Organisation and Location of Italian Autieri Companies (i.e. working for Italian Army) 438 438

T/30 Vehicle Transactions on Italian Combat Groups

T/31 British W.D. Vehicles Issued to Italian Units other than Combat Groups.

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

T/41 Organisation and Location of Light and Medium Workshops Units (for Italian Army).

T/42 Light and Medium Workshops Monthly Operating Returns.

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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 and Associated Non-Runner Parks (for Italian Army.)

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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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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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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ITALIAN ARMY MOTOR TRANSPORT/STORES

6. P.O.L.

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

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

T/83 'Spot' Transactions on POL

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T/85 Unfreezable Oil (For Armaments)

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ITALIAN ARMY MOTOR TRANSPORT/ITALY

E. 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.

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J. Miscellaneous

J/101 Ambulances and Other Medical Vehicles

J/102 Specialised and Technical Vehicles

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J/104 Anti-Frost Precautions.

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Subject:- Census Returns

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

26 Sep 44.

AQ/5

To: HQ, AAI.

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

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 MLOs 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).

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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.
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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.

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B L General

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

BLE/JMD

Internal:- Special Section (Major Hood) for S/Q/29/2.
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Subject:- Casualty Returns.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Ref :- FIRST 219

3333/3/Q(AG)

23 Sep 44.

Army Sub-Commission AGI.

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May a reply please be given to my above reference dated 12 Sep 44 regarding reporting of casualties to British vehicles held by Italian Units.

for Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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MESSAGE FORM. (ST/51/60)

25. 1220 A

FROM : MMLA

TO : (1) A BLU
(2) B BLU
(3) 64 GARRISON

S/Q/3-9/2

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INFO : AFHQ PRT SRC

ST/338 CONFIDENTIAL

64 GARRISON FOR (1.) C BLU (5) D BLU (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____

PAREN (.) SIGNAL THIS HQ THE TOTAL STRENGTH OF VEHICLES BY TYPES HELD AGAINST WE RPT WE AT 28 SEP (.) 7 OCT (.) 14 OCT (.) 21 OCT (.) 31 OCT (.) TYPES OF VEHICLES ARE MOTOR CYCLES (.) PASSENGER CARS (.) TRUCKS USING GASOLINE(.) TRUCKS USING GAS OIL (.) HALF TRACK VEHICLES (.) FULL TRACK VEHICLES (.)

PRECEDENCE Immediate

AUTHENTICATION

Lt. Col.

INTERNAL
COPY TO:- Spec Section MMLA.

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ARMY FORM C-2030
(Feb 58 Ed 100)

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 24/24

Cipher Secret

CALL A.C. INSTRUCTIONS: IN / OUT

Date of Origin: 8/Sept/92

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO: M.M.I.A

FROM: A.B.L.H

Originator's Number: A/7

Date: 7-4

In Reply to Numbers:

Ref your 35 87 dated 22 Sept

Vehicles already collected

5/8/20/92

This Message May be sent in CIPHER | It Liable to be intercepted by the enemy handle this Message must be sent in CIPHER

Originator's Instructions: Degree of Priority

Words

Signed

Signed

Time of Origin: 8.40 P

T.H.I. 2,0,2,0 K

T.O.R.

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SECRET Loss and Interchange of Vehicles. SECRET

Military Mission Italian Army.

23 Engr Bde

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Military of War.

copy to: Allied Armies.

Reports from Allied and Italian forces indicate a very serious lack of control and discipline in the matter of driving and maintenance of the vehicles now being turned over by British sources. As many as one third of the vehicles issued have already been damaged.

The causes of this are primarily fast driving, particularly on wet and slippery roads and lack of driving experience.

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This must be corrected if it does not in any way slacken the progress of re-equipment. Drivers must be properly trained before being allowed to drive alone and must be punished for loss of control driving.

Men of all Combat Groups are to be informed of this as proved. Officers who fail to control their men in this matter are to be punished or disciplined.

W. Darley
Colonel,
for Major General.
C. G. I. A.

Secy. M.
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MESSAGE FORM.

Date-Time of Origin

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From: MEIA

To (For Action) A BLU

To (For Infm)

Ref No SS 87

Security Classification RESTRICTED

Following is copy of signal received from MEIA LO NAPLES (*)

Quote have release note for lll vehicles (*) Can you send drivers and

rep to report this office

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

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AUTHENTICATING SECTION MEIA SI

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

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ARMY FORM C 600 (Revised)

MESSAGE FORM

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Date filed 23 9 44

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FROM (A) Originator: MMIA LO NAPLES — Date Time of Origin: 20 15.30

Office Date Stamp

ARMY LRHY 20 IX 44 SIGNALS

For Action: MMIA LO FRIULI DIV C/O CMTC. 29/2

TO

(W) For Information (INFO): HQ MMIA

Noted WD 2

Message Identification No. 7921 — Time Filed: 1900 — 19

HAVE RELEASE NOTE FOR VEHICLES PD CAN YOU SEND DRIVERS AND REP TO REPORT THIS OFFICE PD (2/C Stiles) I think this is handy a duplicate but repeat to Friuli take em safe side D 22/0 oyea WD

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THIS MESSAGE TO BE SENT AS WRITTEN IF ANY WORD (EXCEPT WIRELESS)	IF LIABLE TO BE INTERRUPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER	ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY	Time	Check	By
Signature Capt	Signature	IMPORTANT	DH to TOR 29 1730 Time dispatched		

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Subject: Italian Combat Groups - Order of Battle.

TEL. NO. [illegible] 515

AFHQ/6510/13/Q(AG)

Sep. 44.

H.Q.,
M.M.I.A.

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1. It is requested that an Order of Battle shewing complete designations and nominations of each Italian Combat Group is sent to this HQ in duplicate as soon as possible.

2. This information is required in order that G(Q), AAF and this HQ should know from which units census returns will be sent.

3. Commencing with census at 31 October, blank Census Forms with full instructions will be sent to each BAD for completion in respect of each Italian Combat Group. Forms have already been sent to you under our reference 6510/1 dated 7 Sep for the census as at 30th September.

RLM/DY.

R.L. MICHAELSON, Lt. Col.,
Brigadier, Q(AG).

Folio

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Subject:- Census Returns.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY,

Tel:- FILPOT 219

3333/3/Q(AE)

12 Sep 44.

Army Sub-Commission, (AMLA)
ACC.

Copy to:- AFHQ - Q(AE)

AMLA	AAI
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Date Recd	15 9

1. During recent months issues of British vehs have been made for operational reasons to various Italian units including 103CBO Div and other units in CIL, normally through the British formation under whose command they were.

2. These vehicles remain a British maintenance responsibility and it is therefore essential that normal census procedure is followed. In the case of units with British cadres the vehicles have been taken on charge by the cadre, but it does not appear that arrangements for other units are satisfactory, especially when changes in command may be frequent.

3. AFHQ have made the following suggestion :-

"In the case of the Italian units at Appendix 'A' to your above quoted letter, we suggest that AMLA should be made responsible for reporting all vehicles held by Italian units. If this is accepted, then AMLA will be required to :

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4. We should be glad to have your comments on the above, and also to learn what you propose should be done in the case of the Gruppi now being formed.

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Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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M/Cycles. For issue 5/8/1942

Make.	W.D. No	Remarks :—
Triumph	532	Nil
Ariel	4813868	Nil
Matchless	003	Nil
Triumph	009	Nil
Triumph	530	Nil
Triumph	526	Nil
Triumph	094	Nil
Triumph	5274043	Nil
B.S.A.	5124425	Nil
Triumph	5273553	Nil
Matchless	4992029	Nil
Ariel	4814899	Puncture rear wheel
Triumph	136	Nil
Triumph	125	Nil
Triumph	5423714	Nil
Triumph	5207298	Nil

} Batteries deficient Lighting not inspected including dynamos and voltage controls.

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Replacement parts required:—

Triumph	4852975	R.H. Foot Rest. Silencer.
Triumph	5272316	K/s Pinion. Speedo + cable HT lead Frame + Forks.
Matchless	891	Rear wheel u/s Silencer def. petrol pipe
Triumph	5274031	G/Box
B.S.A	4701928	Carb comp. Ign. control Front Hube, brake cable
Triumph	5272241	Engine u/s Rear wheel u/s Headlamp Def.
Triumph	5207477	Brake cable, clutch cable rear brake rod Def
Ariel	5167185	Headlamp def. Dyno u/s. K/s pinions. Front brake cable head lamp, Dyno,
Matchless	4993966	Air control wire Air slide + spring R.H Foot rest
Triumph	4853544 +	Rear + Front wheel u/s Engine u/s K/s Def. Oil pipes head lamp Saddle cover def. Forks u/s.
Ariel	4815587	Engine u/s Dyno u/s + Rear wheel K/s Lever gear lever

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TRIUMPH	5272241	Engine u/s Rear wheel u/s Headlamp Def.
TRIUMPH	5207477	Brake cable, clutch cable rear brake rod Def Headlamp def. Dyno u/s. K/S pinions.
ARIEL	5167185	Front brake cable head lamp, Dyno, Air control wire Air slide + spring R.H Foot rest
Matchless	4993966	Rear + Front wheel u/s Engine u/s K/S Def. Oil pipes
TRIUMPH	4853594 →	head lamp Saddle cover def. Forks u/s. Engine u/s Dyno u/s + Rear wheel
ARIEL	4815587	K/S lever, gear lever, head lamp voltage control gear box end plate. L.H. + R.H. Footrests Speedo clutch control.
ARIEL	5169510	Gear box u/s tank filler cap R.H foot rest, clutch wire Front brake rod + control wire
MATCHLESS	4840930	K/S Def. Throttle wire,
Norton	4394396	Head lamp Clutch lever + wire L.H Foot rest Throttle control Engine u/s
ARIEL	4814800	→ L.H Foot rest K/S pinions
Norton	4196004	Valve cover Front brake wire.
MATCHLESS	No WD No	NIL
TRIUMPH	5272711	Petrol tank filler cap clutch wire, lever, G/Box.
ARIEL	4694156	Clutch wire Front brake wire K/stark, head lamp.
TRIUMPH	889966	Engine u/s G/Box u/s Rear wheel brake rod
TRIUMPH	65272516	HANDLE BARS. Forks wheel. (CRASH)
ARIEL	4815169	Exhaust pipe L.H.R.H. Foot rests oil pipe
BSA	4197727	REAR wheel Slipping clutch

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SUBJECT : Training Equipment. - first two GRUPPI.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
A.F.H. ., C.M.F.

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Tel : 11656

M.M.I.A., C.M.F.

DMT/18/MT.2

9 Sep 44.

M.M.I.A.	515
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Reference telephone conversation Col. PIDSLEY - Col. THICKNESSE.

1. The following training equipment has been released to this Directorate for the training of the first two GRUPPI. Details of these releases together with complete collection instructions have in each case been forwarded to MMIA, LO, FRIULI Div and to Col. REA c/o HQ CMTC on the dates indicated.

(a) August 28-44.

Carriers Universal	36
" Tracked Towing	24
Motor Cycles Solo	92
Ambulances 4 str	8
Lorries 3 ton A/T Portee	4
Tractors LAA 4 x 4	6
Lorries 3 ton	106
6 pr A/T Guns	30
17 pr A/T Guns	8
25 pr Guns D.P.	16
40 mm Guns	12
Rifles No. 4	9000
T.S.M.G.	5000
LMG Bren	120
P.I.A.T.	48
Directors No. 7	6
Compasses Prismatic	36
Binoculars No. 2	100
Watches GS	50
Pistols Signal	48
Mine Detectors American	24
2 in Mortars	30
3 in. "	6
3 in. " (with S.A. Barrels)	12
130 ft DD Bailey Bridge Sets	2
Bailey Erection Gear Sets	2
Sets Mine Marking and Gapping Stores	2

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(b) August 28 - 44.

All British explosives and mines as listed at Appendix "A" to CE, HQ AAI letter 2503/SA/RE dated 21 Aug 44.

(c) September 7 - 44.

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Watches GS	50
Pistols Signal	48
Mine Detectors American	24
2 in Mortars	30
3 in. "	6
3 in. " (with S.A. Barrels)	12
130 ft DD Bailey Bridge Sets	2
Bailey Erection Gear Sets	2
Sets Mine Marking and Gapping Stores	2

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(b) August 28 - 44.

All British explosives and mines as listed at Appendix "A" to CE, HQ AAI letter 2503/5A/RE dated 21 Aug 44.

(c) September 7 - 44.

All enemy mines with the exception of "SCHUMINES" as detailed in CE, HQ AAI letter 2503/5A/RE dated 21 Aug 44.

2. Arrangements should now be in hand for all the above equipment to be drawn by FRIULI Div.

Maj Head
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Roope Stuckeus Col
for Brig.,
D.M.T.

RV/hj

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MESSAGE FORM.

From: MMIA. TOR 09 1420 B

To :- CMTC for A BLU. TOR 09 B

Info: to 8th Army RATT for [illegible]
PBA for MMIA LO
CMTC for A BLU.

DE 1407 (.) Reference 106 Larrios 3 Tom 06 released under Q(AE) 3560 distribution is as follows (.) FRIULI Div 49 cms CHIRONA Div 49 cms A BLU 3 cms B BLU 3 cms C BLU 3 cms N.A. Training Team 1 (.) Please arrange to send 1 Class A lorry with driver to 8A Training Team COLLECTING soonest possible

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May be sent as WRITTEN by any means except ( ) wireless.	Must be sent IN CIPHER if liable to interception.	Priority ( )

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Army Sub Commission (MI
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E

5 Sep 44

MIA Liaison Officer
NAPLES

For attention Major PAPINEAU.

Enclosed please find copy of AAI release Serial No Q(AE)3660 for your information and/or necessary action.

Major, AACC.
Army Sub Commission(MIA)

cc/

12 450 gallon 3 Ton Water Trailer for C.I.L.

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MESSAGE FORM.

From: HQ A. TOO 09 B

To :- CRE) for A BLD. TOO 09 B

Info: to 8th Army RAFF for DARE
HQ for HOKA LO
CRE) for B BLD.

SD 4407 (.) Reference 466 Lorries) ten (C retained under C(AS) 3568 distribution is as follows (.) FIELD HQ 4@ one CORPS HQ 4@ one A BLD 3 one B BLD 3 one C BLD 3 one R.A. Training Tees A (.) Please arrange to send A Class A Lorry with driver to RA Training Team COLLYWEST soonest possible

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Must be sent BY CIPHER if liable to interception.

Priority ( )

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FROM: DGIA T.O.O.

TO : Q (AE)y AFHQ T.M.I.

Copy to CINC for BERLIN

8890 (.) Restricted (.) Release requested for NINE lorries

3 ton water 450 gallons for CHEROKA Division

May be sent as written except ( ) Wireless	Must be sent in Cipher if liable to interception	Degree of Priority

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Army Form C.2130

MESSAGE FORM

CIPHER SECRET

Serial No. 57

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS: IN / OUT

No. to Groups: GR.

Office Date Stamp

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO: M M I A

FILE REF

Date Recd: 6191

FROM: "B" B & W

Originator's Number	Date	To Reach to Number
mil	mil	

Ref	Main	A A I	Q (AF)	6303	dated
17th	Aug 0	Reqmt	mine	3 tons	mortar
Trucks div.	to reach	available on loan for			CREMONA

This message may be sent As Written by any means (except) ( ) Wireless

Signature .....

This message must be sent in Cipher if liable to misinterpretation or to fall into enemy hands

Signature .....

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time of Orig: 0900

T.H.I

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*Originator may delete "Immediate" and insert "Priority"

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System in	Time in	Reader	Sender	System out	Time out	Reader	Sender	System out	Time out	Reader	Sender

2288/FMEAF/100,000 Pads—1/42

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Major Head

The water tanks there with
[illegible] are still on charge
to 64 Squadron.

What about getting them off
to 64 Squadron & exchanging for the
ones to [illegible]? Is it
do us regarding 64 Squadron?
Ref 7

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27 Sept

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Comf. Head

C O P Y

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MAIN AAI 03 B

DISTRREE

MEIA AIRAP for IMT

Q (AE) 6510 /

RESTRICTED (.) Ref your A 2050 of 1 Sep (.) Authority given for release Lorries 3 ton water qty 12 on loan for maintenance CIL under serial No CAE 3660 x 4 veh [illegible] G/

Distribution:--Sigs
File 3333/1
Master

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VEHICLES OF FOR TRAING SIGNALS O 7

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MOTOR CYCLES SOLO	5
TRUCK 15cwt G.S	3
WIRELESS HOUSE on FF N	10
LORRY 3½ton L & L G.S	8
TEN	1
TRAILERS 15cwt WATER	1

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FOR INFO

5/6/29

MM A
FILE REF
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LRAP V LINE INPORT

OVR 1 167

FROM DISTHREE 231925

TO MMIA

INFO 57 AREA

MMIA LO (BY HAND)

QQX GPS 22

Q 3986 . RESTRICTED . REF 57 AREA SIGNAL Q 505/6 OF 23 . REQUEST YOU REPRESENT FACTS URGENTLY TO AAI AS DISTRICT REQUIRES CANNOT PROVIDE FURTHER

TH1 1930

RPTH INP 1 167 231925 57 QE MMIA LO 03986

57 Q 505/6 23 1930

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QZOCG MZRPJ RPT MZRMJ SSZZZ++ MZRMJ

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Subject:- Release 3-Ton Lorries

Army Sub Commission MMIA
HQ A.C.C.
R O M E.
LQ/5 4

Aug 44

MMIA LO NAPLES

Reference telephone conversation (Major Papineau - Major Head speaking) enclosed release notes are forwarded for necessary action.

A.J.Head Maj
for Lt Col AA & QMG
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
(MMIA)

AJH/jrp

Enclosures

3 District A 808 Lorries 3-Ton Water 450 Gallon	9
Lorries 3-Ton 4x2 G.S.	6

Q(AE) 3547 covering release for lorries 3-ton water 450 gallon.

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Army Form C.2118.
(Prefix of Serial)

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 5

CALL AND INSTRUC-TIONS	IN	QVR1 Dangleish 21645
	OUT	BLU file /12 INDEF.

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TO (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

MMIA FOR PIDSLEY INFO G(S) HQ AAI

FROM DMT ADNAP | Originating Officer: DMT/6 | Date: 22 | Hr. Filed or Received:

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THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN IN ANY MEANS. | TO BE SENT IN CIPHER. | Originator's Instructions in the case of Priority: Important | Time of Origin 1220

Service | Service

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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MAAG FILES AG 319.1 Declassified 12/9/04

Subject:- Vehs for Trg - Italian Forces.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILPOT 219

3550/20/Q(AS)

22 Aug 44.

DIST

Copy to:- MAAA
G(S92)
Ord

Ref our 3550/20/Q(AS) of 21 Aug.

1. Release has been authorised of further 'A' and 'B' vehs for the trg of the Gruppi.

2. Att are copies of QAS releases 1351 for the 'A' vehs and 3571 for the 'B' vehs.

A — Canvas Hood 36
Tool & Tarp 24

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B M/C Side Cha... 2 92
Combined S & C 8
Spare Wheel & Tube 4
Spanner 1 AB 6

DBL.

F. Walden Capt
Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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Subject:- Vehs for Trg - Italian Forces.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILFOT 219

3550/20/Q(AE)

21 Aug 44.

DIST.

Copies to:- MMIA
G(SD2)
Ord

M.M.I.A.
FILE REF 1
Date Recd 21/8/44

Ref AAI letter 1705/19/G(SD2) dated 15 Aug 44 to all except Ord.

1. Herewith copy of Release Serial No Q(AE) 3368 for 106 Lorries 3 ton GS 4x2 for trg as per Appx 'F' to a/m letter.

2. New vehs qty 40 should be collected from 4 Veh Gp, NAPLES.

3. It will be noted that the balance of 66 vehs are class V and it is suggested that a rep be sent to 409(It) MVP, NAPLES to select the best vehs available.

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K. Macdonald Capt for
Major general,
Chief Administrative Officer.

DIST.

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

Spec Sect
Date Sent 8/8

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
DADMS MMIA HQ
MMIA LO 5th Army
MMIA LO Friuli Division
MMIA LO III District.

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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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change 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 done 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 to Shipside and transport stores for the formation of the 4 Mule companies at the expense of running 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.

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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 loaned by 57 Area are still at work. These will shortly be replaced by 9 t. water trucks and 6 X 4 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.

b) Italian vehicles. Friuli Division state at present they have available the following : 4 FIAT half-ton run abouts (one of which non runner due tyres), 2-1 ton small trucks, 1 small truck used as pick-up, 2 motorcycles.

The personnel strength which the above vehicles must service as at 19 August 1944 is 7000 and will increase.

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 HQBR. The greater part of the [illegible]

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a) Allied vehicles. The original 6 X 3 tonners and 3 t. water trucks loaned by 57 Area are still at work. These will shortly be replaced by 8 t. 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 3049 of 20 Aug.44.

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13. The transfer of IPI 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 load carrier problem.

14. The Italian military are holding at Naples 4 load-carriers turned in by the NEMBO Division and 4 by 223 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 8 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 elents in the position. The following are the conclusions:-

a) Comando Campania is on present evidence genuinely unable to meet essentia l transport requirements of local Italian military formations and of MMIA Naples. No prestical purpose would therefore be servedby transferring load-carriers fr...

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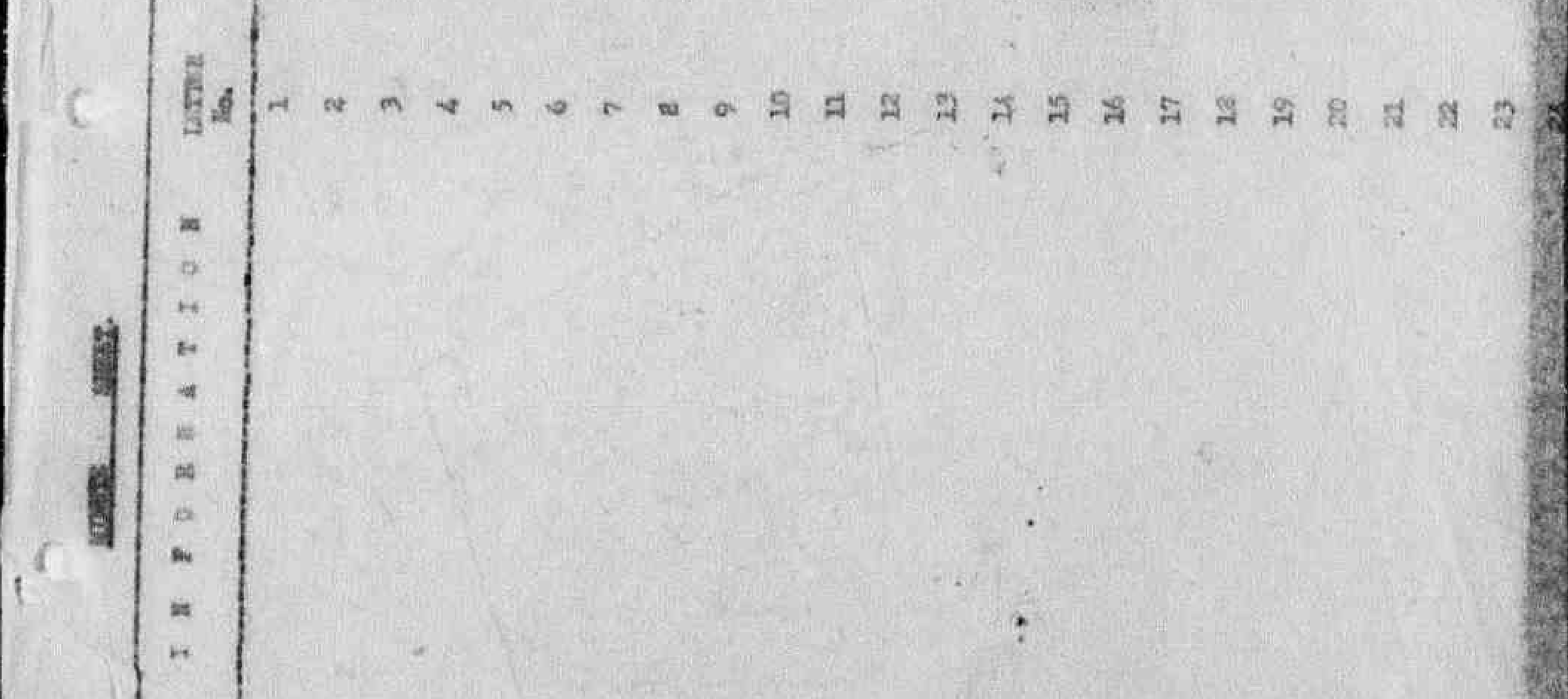

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Command Campania to either 8th Army or Friuli Division. If such transfer is insisted upon either the Allies will have to provide a correspondingly more ~~in Campania~~ transport to the Italians here in Campania or else Italian military essential work 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 ~~arduous~~ 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 OIL ammunition run and /or additional vehicles arrive ex Sardinia, allocations from these two sources to be made to ITIs Five Army and /or 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. 4354

16. Your instructions in reply to preceding paragraph are awaited.

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Major RASC
ST. LIAISON OFFICER
MMIA Naples

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APPENDIX H

MOAR VEHICLE SITUATION ITA AN MILITARY IN CAMPANIA A.. ATTACHED FMS
III DISTRICT 5 ARMY

(Based on Vehicle Mate 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		
	Number	Non Runn. due Tyres only	Non Runn. due Mech. Faults	Numb.	Non Runn. due Tyres only	Non Runn. due Mech. Fault	Numb.	Non Runn. due Tyres only	Non Runn. due Mech. Faul
HQ Comando Campania	-	-	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 3 Ambulances)	-	-
Carabinieri Campania	12	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Depots, Area Commands etc. Campania	10	-	-	19	1	6	8	-	3
10 Motor Vehicle Company	9	-	24	18	-	44	39	-	103
Total COMANDO CAMPANIA	42	-	31	60	1	69	69	-	114
10 Legion Carabinieri	24	-	14	27	-	11	8	-	-
10 Legion Finance Guard	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
Railway Units (under AAI direction)	6	-	2	20	-	6	10	-	6
CARABINIERI	2	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	-
ITI Troops with FMS	86	4	23	49	6	31	37	-	21

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Units	Number	Non Runn. due Tyres only	Non Runn. due Mech. Fault	Runn.	Non Runn. due Tyres only	Non Runn. due Mech. Fault	Runn.	Non Runn. due Tyres only	Non Runn. due Mech. Fault
HQ Comando Campania	-	-	1	13	-	11	4	-	1
Artillery Command of Campania	7	-	4	3	-	7	2	-	4
Engineer Command " "	2	-	2	1	-	1	8	-	3
Commissariate Directorate Com.	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Medical Directorate Campania	-	-	-	5 (all Ambulances)	-	-	7 (of which 6 Ambulances)	-	-
Carabinieri Campania	12	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
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Railway Units (under AAI direction)	6	-	2	20	-	8	10	-	8
GENERTI	2	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	-
IVI Troops with FBS	85	4	25	49	6	31	37	-	21
IVI Troops with III District	8	-	9	23	1	9	32	1	14
IVI Troops with 5 Army	16	-	8	35	-	16	16	-	5

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TOP SECRET

SUBJECT:- Equipment and Transport - ITALIAN Forces.

MAIN HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1705/19/G(AD2).

15 Aug, 44.

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1. Appendix "A" shows scales of transport and equipment for one Gruppo di Combattimento. Requirement is for six such Gruppi.

2. Appendix "B" shows scales of transport and equipment for "tail" required to support six Gruppi.

3. Appendix "C" shows scales of transport and equipment for one BLU attached each Gruppo. Requirement is for six such BLUs.

4. Appendix "D" shows scales of transport and equipment for each tactical training team, total two teams, together with requirements of the R. training team.

5. Appendix "E" shows total additions of paras 1, 2 and 3 above as compared with three British Divs worth of transport and equipment. From this comparison it will be seen that the requirements of the Italian formations and the BLUs are easily covered by scales of three British Divs.

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8. Will you please be represented at Meeting in W.R. Committee Room at 1700 hrs, Wednesday, 16 August to discuss availability with special reference to para.7.

A.M. Inglesby
Lt-Col

for Brigadier,
General Staff,
MD & T.

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Appendix 'A' to
1705/19/G(SD2)
dated 15 Aug 44

GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTI

TRANSPORT AND EQUIPMENT SCALES

1. Transport	Bicycles	50
	Motor cycles	321
	Cars 2-str	78
	Cars 4-str	22
	Amb lt	9
	Amb hy	9
	15-cwt 4x2 GS	280
	15-cwt Water	20
	15-cwt Personnel	4
	15-cwt Office	11
	15-cwt FFW	31
	15-cwt Type KL	1
	15-cwt Generator	1
	15-cwt Wireless	18
	¼-ton Cipher Office	1
	3-ton TEV	1
	¼-ton Machy lorries	5
	¼-ton GS 4x2 or 4x4	336
	¼-ton Wksp lorry	2
	¼-ton Stores and Tools	6
	¼-ton 6x4 B/down	2
	Lorries Disinfector	2
	Lorries Binned	34
	Armd Rec Vehs	1
	Trailer GS	67
	Trailer Water	11
	Travelling Platforms	2
	7½-ton 6-whld lt Rec	10
	40-ton 24-wh Tptr and Rec	1
	Tracked Rec D8	1
	Tractors	9
	Tractors FA	48
	Tractors LAA	12
	20-ton Trailers	1
	Carriers Universal	93
	Carriers Mortar	42
	Carriers Lloyd	82
	Trailers 15-cwt 2-wh machy gas welding	1
	Trailers 10-cwt 2-wh GS	1
	Recce Cars MKV	25

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Cars 2-str	78
Cars 4-str	22
Amb lt	9
Amb hy	9
15-cwt 4x2 GS	280
15-cwt Water	20
15-cwt Personnel	4
15-cwt Office	11
15-cwt FFW	31
15-cwt Type KL	1
15-cwt Generator	1
15-cwt Wireless	18
3-ton Cipher Office	1
3-ton TEV	1
3-ton Machy lorries	5
3-ton GS 4x2 or 4x4	336
3-ton Wksp lorry	2
3-ton Stores and Tools	6
3-ton 6x4 B/down	2
Lorries Disinfector	2
Lorries Binned	34
Armd Rec Vehs	1
Trailer GS	67
Trailer Water	11
Travelling Platforms	2
7½-ton 6-whld lt Rec	10
40-ton 24-wh Tptr and Rec	1
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Tractors	9
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Carriers Universal	93
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Carriers Lloyd	82
Trailers 15-cwt 2-wh machy gas welding	1
Trailers 10-cwt 2-wh GS	1
Recce Cars FFW	26

2. Equipment

25-pdrs	32
17-pdrs	8
40 mm	12
6-pdr	36
PIAT	200
3 in Mortar	40
2 in Mortar	138
LMG	500

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SCALE OF TRANSPORT FOR 'TAIL' REQUIRED TO SUPPORT SIX CAUPTT

	MCs	Track Vehs	Lt Vehs	Hy Vehs	Trailers
INF					
Three Bn Pk Coys	36		48	90	12
MED					
Gen Hosp (1200 beds)			2	1	
Gen Hosp (600 beds)			2	1	
Two Gen Hosps (200 beds)			8	12	2
One Adv Depot Med Stores			1		
ENT					
Three Bn Tpt Coys	44		19	151	6
	44		19	151	6
	44		19	151	6
One MAU	26		9	111	4
ORD					
One Mob Laundry Coy	6		1	16	16
Four Mob Bath Units			8	8	
EME					
One L of C Fre Coy Hq	1		4	1	
Six Secs	78		18		
MISC					
Two Transit Camps	2		2	2	
Rft Trg Depot	2	24	23	7	
One GRU			3		
	283	24	166	702	52

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	Gen Hosp (1200 beds)			2	1		
	Gen Hosp (600 beds)			2	1		
	Two Gen Hosps (200 beds)			8	12	2	
	One Adv Depot Med Stores			1			
SIG							
	Three Gen Tpt Coys	44		19	151	6	
		44		19	151	6	
		44		19	151	6	
	One MAC	26		9	111	4	
ORD							
	One Mob Laundry Coy	6		1	16	16	
	Four Mob Bath Units			8	8		
PRO							
	One L of C Pro Coy HQ	1		4	1		
	Six Secs	78		18			
MISC							
	Two Transit Camps	2		2	2		
	Rft Trg Depot	2	24	23	7		
	One GHQ			3			
		283	24	186	702	52	

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SCALE OF TRANSPORT FOR FSU (ITALIAN FORCES)

Transport

MCs	6
Cars 2-str 4x2	2
Trucks 15-cwt GS	3
Wireless	2
Lorries 3-ton GS	3
Trailers Water	1

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SCALE OF TRANSPORT

TACTICAL TRAINING TEAM (ITALIAN FORCES)

Motor cycles	1
Cars 2-str 4x2	1
Trucks 15-cwt 4x2 GS	2

SCALE OF TRANSPORT

RA TRAINING TEAM (ITALIAN FORCES)

Cars 2-str 4x2	2
Trucks 15-cwt GS	3
Wireless	2
Lorries 3-ton GS	3
Trailers Water	1

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SCALE OF TRANSPORT

TACTICAL TRAINING TEAM (ITALIAN FORCES)

Motor cycles	1
Cars 2-str 4x2	1
Trucks 15-cwt 4x2 GS	2

SCALE OF TRANSPORT

RA TRAINING TEAM (ITALIAN FORCES)

Cars 2-str 4x2	2
Trucks 15-cwt 4x2 GS	4
Lorries 3-ton 4x2 GS	1

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TABLE OF COMPARISON

	TRANSPORT						
	MCs	Tracked Vehs	Light Vehs	Hy Vehs	Trailers	25 pdr	17 pdr
1. TOTAL THREE BRIT DIVS	3252	1866	4260	4014	588	216	48
2. TOTAL SIX GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTI	1926	1302	3420	2466	498	192	48
3. TOTAL SIX HUs	36		42	18	6	-	-
4. TOTAL "TAIL" for SIX GRUPPI	283	24	186	702	52	-	-
5. TOTAL	2245	1326	3648	3186	556	192	48
6. Saving	1007	540	612	828	32	24	-
7. Additional Requirement							

* Large proportion of 3 in mortars required because no 4.2 in mortar are ha

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TABLE OF COMPARISON

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TRANSPORT					EQUIPMENT							
MCs	Tracked Vehs	Light Vehs	Hy Vehs	Trailers	25 pdr	17 pdr	40 mm	6 pdr	PIAT	9.2in MORTARS	2 in	LMG
3252	1866	4260	4014	588	216	48	108	258	1308	180	849	3783
1926	1302	3420	2466	498	192	48	72	216	1200	240	828	3000
36		42	18	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
283	24	186	702	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3245	1326	3648	3186	556	192	48	72	216	1200	240	828	3000
1007	540	612	828	32	24	-	36	42	108		21	783
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* proportion of 3 in mortars required because no 4.2 in mortar are being issued.

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TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE SCALES

	VEHS	TOTAL Two Armd Bdes	Three BELOs	Two Sections Trg Troops	One RA Trg Team	OVERALL TOTAL
	MCs	72	18	2		92
10	Cars 2-str	20	6	2	2	30
	Amb	8				8
40	Trucks 15-cwt GS	96	9	4	4	113
10	Water	20				20
	FW	6				5
	Wireless House	6	6			12
40	Lorries 3-ton GS	96	9			106
	7½-ton Lt Rec	4				4
	Tractor, A Tk	4				4
	FA	8				8
	LAA	6				6
	Carriers Universal	24				24
	Lloyd	24				24
	Mortar	12				12
	Drillers Water		3			3

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10	Cars 2-str		20	6	2	2	30
	Amb		8				8
40	Trucks 15-cwt GS		96	9	4	4	113
10		Wtor	20				20
		PPW	6				6
		Wireless House	6	6			12
40	Lorries 3-ton GS		96	9			106
	7½-ton Lt Rec		4				4
	Tractors 7½ Tk		4				4
		FA	8				8
		L&A	6				6
	Carriers Universal		24				24
		Lloyd	24				24
		Mortar	12				12
	Trailers Wtor			3			3

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