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SD/6/9 Training of M T. Drivers
Opened NOV 5, 1944 - Closed Dec. 8, 1944
Nov. - Dec. 1944

Subject: - Conversano Driving School.

ST/1095

8 Dec 44.

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA).,
ROME.

tel: Rome 489081 EXT 526.

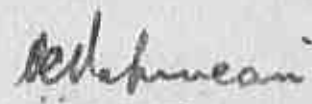
To: L.O. Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA).,
c/o HQ 5th Area.

Copy: G(SD) MIA HQ. 
Spec Sec. MIA HQ.
Direz Con della Motorizzazioni, (1^o Divisione),
Italian War Ministry.

1. Confirming conversation Major Murrell - Major Papineau on 4 Dec 44.
2. It is understood:
 - (a) that approx 280 potential driver-students are standing by at Trani
 - (b) action to obtain vehicles is in hand vide this HQ letter ST/1095 of 8 Dec 44 to AFHQ
 - (c) premises are available at Conversano
 - (d) instructional and administrative personnel can be obtained from 1008(I) GI Coy not now to be proceeded with.
3. While awaiting the outcome of letter referred to in (b) above, please check up and take any action necessary in regard to 2(a) (c) (d).

OCE/JMD


8 DEC 1944


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

SD/6/9.

Subject:- Vehicles at Bord for
Italian Driving School.

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Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA).,
ROME.

8 Dec 44.

tel: Rome 459001 EXT 526.

To: AFHQ 63(Cap) (British)

Copy: L.O. Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA).,
c/o Mr. M. Aron,
G(AD) MIA HQ. ←

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1. Further to telephone on 2 Dec 44, Major Barnes - Major Stinton.
2. The following are the details of vehicles impounded at 409 RVP by MIA LG Bari and considered suitable for the proposed Italian Driving School:-

3 ton Class 5 Vehicles

4 x 4 Ford 4626513; 1267804; 4513582; 4720266; 4713919.
4 x 2 Ford 5225524; 45323679;
4 x 4 Chev 4726729; 4721335; 4774726; 4519109;
4 x 2 Dodge 5226076; 5226901;
6 x 4 Austin 90704.
4 x 2 Austin 4575928
4 x 4 Commer 620510

3. May Q(AR) authority for release of these vehicles please be obtained and communicated to this HQ.

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9 DEC 1944

Ad 358
(O.C. PAFIRAN).,
Major RASO.
for Major General.
(M. M. I. A).

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FROM NMIA LO 54 AREA

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TO NMIA

ST/423

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref your Phone call STANTON/FREELAND (.) The following 3 ton G S Class 5 vehicles are earmarked for TRANI Camp at 409 R V P awaiting your decision (.)

4 x 4 Ford

4626513 1267864 4513582 4720266

4713919 r x 2 Ford 5225524 45323679

4 x 4 Chev 4726729 4721355 4974726 4519109

4 x 2 Dodge 5226076 5226901

6 x 4 Austin 98704 4 x 2 Austin

4675928 4 x 4 Commer

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ST/423 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.)

REF YOUR PHONE CALL STANTON/FREELAND (.)

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THE FOLLOWING 3 TON G S CLASS 5 VEHICLES
ARE EARMARKED FOR TRANI CAMP AT 409 R V P
AWAITING YOUR DECISION (.)

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4 X 4 FORD

4626513 1267864 4513582 4720266

4713919 4 X 2 FORD 5225524 45323679

4 X 4 CHEV 4726729 4721355 4974726 4519109

4 X 2 DODGE 5226076 5226901

6 X 4 AUSTIN 98704 4 X 2 AUSTIN

4675928 4 X 4 CONNER

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TO NMIA
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RESTRICTED DATED TWO SIX NOVEMBER YOU SUGAR FOR ONE EIGHT FIVE ONE
X SIGNED SAC CITE FHCCT X ONE X FK 62037/VEHICLES FOR TRAINING CAN
BE OBTAINED FROM FOUR ZERO NINE ROGER VICTOR PETER CMA EARL X TWO
X SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO ROGER VICTOR PETER TO EARMARK VEHICLES
TO QUEEN PAREN ABLE EASY PAREN THIS HEADQUARTERS WHO WILL THEN
AUTHORIZE ISSUE

BT 031023A

Dist SD/6/9
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SENT NR5 2 1143A RC AR K
RB BWH NR52 1137 OP

ST action
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MIA

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AFHQ

MINISTRY OF WAR
3 DISTRICT

NO 1051

RESTRICTED

Reference MIA signal SD 1763 of 10 November and your
 of 32549 of 14 Nov (.) 280 driver students disembarked
 at and earmarked for Grappi are waiting leave at TRAIL
 Camp (.) Next course at PALLORANO fully booked (.)
 While awaiting decision on MIA 5/G/29/10/A of 10 Nov
 to G 3 (Org) can request poolcar to TRAIL Camp up to
 20 vehicles so that some training can start for above
 280 personnel

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGOT 141716A
TO MMIA
#52549

RESTRICTED

The question of provision of ST officers and vehicles
for Italian driving schools will be considered at
conference to be held between MMIA and DMT on 17
Nov (.) Your SD 1763 dated 10 Nov refers

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See by ADST
ALL 17/11
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Spec Sec.

Please see above

I should very much like to
be there on the conference!

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[Signature]
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LRKE V LAEE NR 19 P P
FROM AFHQ 141716A
TO MMIA GR-- BT

RESTRICTED F52549 THE QUESTION OF PROVISION OF S T OFFICERS AND
VEHICLES FOR ITALIAN DRIVING SCHOOLS WILL BE CONSIDERED AT
CONFERENCE TO BE HELD BETWEEN MMIA AND DMT ON ONE SEVEN NOVEMBER PD

SIGNED SACMED PD CITE FHGCT PD YOUR S D ONE SEVEN SIX THREE DATED
ONE ZERO NOVEMBER REFERS

BT 141716A

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SD 1763

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION _____

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

PRECEDENCE _____

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Subject: Training of Drivers.

Land Forces Sub-Commission (L.F.S.C.)
(S.I.L.A.)

5 Nov 44

Ministry of War.

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1. In continuation of discussion between General Albert and Lt Col Percival it is agreed that a driving school may be established at the Arsenal, 8th Anti-Aircraft Brigade, Via Ludic Road, Rome, as soon as is practicable.

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

(1) Personnel.

Commandant	Major or Captain	1
ad instruction officer	Lieutenant	1
Student Platoon Officers	Lieutenants	4
Total Officers		6

C.O.D. (Administrative)

1

C.O.D. (Drivers)

1

Serjeant Instructors

5

Total S/Cs and S/As

7

Driver Instructors

20

Privates for duty and:-

Cook

4 (3 for private mess)

Baton

3

2. The permanent staff establishment of officers, personnel and transport

for this school will be as follows:-

(1) Personnel.

Commandant	1
Major or Captain	1
Adjutant Officer Lieutenant	1
Student Platoon Officers Lieutenants	4
Total Officers	4

C.S.S. (Karsachalle)	1
C.S.S. (Puriane)	1
Corpsent instructors	5
Total S/S and Sjs	2
Driver Instructors	20
Privates for duty and	

Cooks	4 (1 P.P. Officers Mess)
Batmen	3
Clerks	2
Regimental Police	2
Mechanics	2
General Duties	4
Total rank and file	10
Total all ranks	54

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(11) TRANSPORT.

Trucks for instructional purposes 20

20% reserve 20

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1. For transport

2. For transport officers

Cars 2 or 4 str

motorcycles

3. Personnel required for the permanent staff will be provided from within the established ceiling for administrative troops of 27,000 personnel and/or the established administrative reinforcements including 3,700 personnel, authorized in this HQ letter reference 1/40/5 of 12 of 44. No increase in the ceiling of administrative troops and their reinforcements is permitted.

4. The lease of transport vehicles will be arranged depart entails.

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

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

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

personnel, authorized in this document, and their reinforcement increase in the ceiling of administrative troops and their reinforcement is permitted.

4. The issue of the value will be arranged directly.
 5. Subject to the conditions contained in para 3 the school will be recognized as an Italian Army unit entitled to receive salaries provided from Allied sources in accordance with established scales.
 6. The school will accept up to a maximum of 120 students each month. 30 students will be assigned to each of four (4) student platoons, each platoon to be under the command of a student platoon officer, as provided for in the establishment of the school. Each platoon will be treated as a complete sub unit of the school and will be accommodated and housed as such.
 7. Courses in driving instruction and vehicle maintenance will be of 30 days duration, allowing 1 day for assembly and settling in, 28 working days and 1 day for dispersal.
- Students who fail to qualify in the passing out tests, at the end of courses will, unless validly ever to become drivers, be retained at the school for a further course. Intake to the school of new students reduced accordingly so as not to exceed the 120 maximum.

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8. Students will be found from existing Italian Army units falling within Categories 1, 4, and 5. See this HQ letter 5/AG/5 of 12 Oct 44. In addition, Italian Army personnel presently employed in labour units under Allied command and/or control, who possess or have possessed motor vehicle licenses, such personnel may be exchanged, see for ex., with non-specialists, in accordance with this HQ letter 10/19 of 25 Sep 44.
9. The appointed Commandant of the school will establish an officers camp in the Driving School, in which all officers of the permanent staff of the school will live.
10. In agreement with General Aliberti to be assisted in promoting esprit de corps in permanent staff and students, the school will be named the GIAMAGLIONE Driving School and the four student platoons will be named
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|---------|--------|--------|----------------------|
| CAPTAIN | (No 1) | MAJOR | (No 3) |
| PLATON | (No 2) | PLATON | (No 4) respectively. |
11. You are requested to nominate to this HQ as early as possible the name of the selected Commandant and to instruct him to visit this HQ in person to discuss and arrange details of the training syllabus.

[Signature] JH:cl

Major General
I.I.I.A.

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