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3 DLO / 14 - HT M.T. other than G.T. Coys
Aug 1944 - Feb 1945

27 FEB Recd

SUBJECT: Veh Marking Numbers

227 ITALIAN Div
230 ITALIAN Div

52 AREA (2)
54 AREA (2)
56 AREA
94 Sub Area
204 Sub Area
MILIA LO
227 Div LO

RESTRICTED

3 District
Ext 5
790/G

17 Feb 45

Veh serial numbers have been allotted to Italian Army
Units in this District as follows:-

9 Italian Engr Coy	4361
12 Italian Engr Coy	4362
15 Italian Engr Coy	4363
16 Italian Engr Coy	4364
18 Italian Engr Coy	4365
19 Italian Engr Coy	4366
63 Italian Forestry Coy	4367
172 Italian Sig Coy	4038
173 Italian Sig Coy	4039 5378
1 Italian Traffic Control Coy	4368
2 Italian Traffic Control Coy	4369 6379
4 Italian Traffic Control Coy	4370
5 Italian Traffic Control Coy	4371
403 Italian Pnr Regt	4372
404 Italian Pnr Regt	4373
406 Italian Pnr Regt	4374
407 Italian Pnr Regt	4375
502 Italian Smoke Coy	4376
506 Italian Smoke Coy	4377
507 Italian Smoke Coy	4378

Branches and Services at this HQ have been informed.

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(JP WATSON) Maj
for Lt Col
G.S.

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REC-100 (100-111-10)

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I. This letter ST/1111 is cancelled.

2. All new require vehicle and personnel statistics in accordance with attached program for formations as listed in para 4 as at 1st Jan 45 and monthly thereafter.

3. Please note that only Italian vehicles are to be accounted for on this return. All other vehicles are accounted for under separate A-110 instructions.

4. IMAI Los are responsible for returns as follows :-

I.O.	Door 5 Area - 210 Division and dependent units.
"	" " "

"	5 Army	-	231	"
"	Rear 3 Army	-	223	"
"	Naples	-	218	"
"	Naples	-	209	"
"	1 District	-	207	"
"	2 District	-	227	"
"	54 Area	-	230	"

③ LOS with DDU3 - associated Gruppo di Combattimento.

5. Please forward return for lat Jan 45 to this HQ as soon as possible.

Copy : AFHQ ~~Reference~~ ~~MAK~~

1. This HQ letter SE/11111/ is dated 5 Jan 45 and is cancelled.

2. AFHQ now require vehicle and personnel statistics in accordance with attached proforma for formations as listed in para 4 as at 1st Jan 45 and monthly thereafter.

3. Please note that only Italian vehicles are to be accounted for on this return. All other vehicles are accounted for under separate AFHQ instructions.

4. MILA LOS are responsible for returns as follows :-

L.O. Rear 5 Army - 210 Division and dependent units.

" Exit Inor Rear

" 5 Army - 231

" Rear 3 Army - 220

" Naples - 212

" Naples - 205

" 1 District - 200

" 3 District - 227

" 54 Area - 230

@ LOS with BLUs

- accredited Gruppo di Combattimento.

5. Please forward return for 1st Jan 45 to this HQ as soon as possible.

JED/ag

6 In view of the fact that there are now no MILA LOS with 50 and 51 BLUs, will DADST please supply the necessary information?

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ADST, Lead Force Sub Comm A.C. (MILA)
 Maj. It. Col

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UNIT or FAT	CATE GORY	VEHICLE STRENGTH (Italian Vehicles Only)					OR
		N/Cs	STAFF Cars	LOAD Carriers	SPECIALISED Vehicles	TOTAL Vehs	
VEICOLI (Solo veicoli italiani)							

autovettura

Reports of
Comands

Categoria

Notocidulites

ERATIONS

venoli
attrezzati
o speciali

Totale
Veicoli:

4

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Categoria	autovettura	veicoli altri mezzi o speciali	totali veicoli	uff.	Sottuff. e truppa	Totale personale
Motociclette						
Camions						

RESTRICTED.

Subject:- Tyres for 808 CS Bn.

3DLO/14
8 Feb 45.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.

Copy: MMIA Naples.
GSI(b) 3 District.

A request has been received from 808
(Counter Espionage) Bn SIM, Naples Centre, for
five 600 x 16 or equivalent size tyres and tubes
for vehicles held on charge.

The request is strongly backed by GSI
3 District who consider the tyres essential for
the execution of the important Intelligence
work allotted to this bn.

May this matter please receive your
attention.

Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

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RESTRICTED
3 District
Ext 5
790/c
4 Feb 45

SUBJECT: Vehicle Markings - Serial Numbers

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Copy: 3 District Eastern Det
A MIA LO
C 227 Div LO
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1. The policy is likely to be accepted by AFHQ in the near future that Italian Army Units (BR-ITI) should have allotted to them and bear on their unit vehicles Serial numbers in the same way as do British units.
2. It is considered that this policy will have the effect of improving the Italian units interest and pride in their vehicles and will also provide a ready means of identifying vehicles guilty of traffic offences or which are being used for improper e.g. blackmarket, purposes.
3. It is desired to limit the number of Serials to be issued as far as possible. The policy is therefore to allot numbers to units e.g. Sig Coys or Rec Legts, and for sub units to bear the unit number.
4. In accordance with this policy, all addressees please make application to this branch for such allotment of Serial numbers as is considered suitable in respect of Italian Army Units under their departmental control.

MParks
(OF PARKS) Lt Col
G S

5247

Subject: - MT Spares

Ref: 3220/1

3 Feb 45

123

Ref Intent for MT Spares submitted by 15 Italian
Mug Coy to ADOS 52 Area.

No spares of this type are available through
MILA sources.

#25

Major,
MILANO,
3 District.

5246

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Subject:- Italian Army - Tyres and Tubes Stocks.

ST/ 1071

26 Jan. 45

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C. (MMIA)
Rome
Tel: 489081 EXT 526

To :- LOs Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
1 District
52 Area
Naples
Sardinia.
3 District
54 Area
Sicily

1. Attached copy of translation of War Ministry telegram 1277/221s forwarded.-
2. You are requested to note changes of dates and other minor adjustments and apply this HQ. letter ST/1071 dated 11 Jan. 45 accordingly. -

JMD/ag.

ADST; Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

File

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MINISTRY OF WAR
Motor War

Translation

Telegram

COMANDO MILITARE = ROMA - BARI - NAPOLI - PALERMO
COMANDO MILITARE = CALABRIA - CATANZARO.
COMANDO MILITARE * SARDEGNA P.M. 75/A.
PARCAUTO = MESAGNE.
38^a OFFICINA = MACERATA.

and for information to :

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROME (taken by hand)

Guerra Motori N° 1277/22

Operate on 5th February next a census of Tyres and Tubes not at present mounted on vehicles including those in the dependent Tyres warehouses collected in accordance with the circular letter n. 25100 of the 7th December 44, sent to the Territorial Headquarters. From this census must be excluded Tyres and Tubes for which authority for issue has already been received but which units concerned have not yet up-lifted.

Tyres and Tubes will be classed as ~~given~~ : New, Second Hand Usable, Second Hand worth Retreading.

The list must be despatched to this Ministry not later than the 7th February.

By agreements with the MMIA HQ this telegram changes in some points the letter ST/1071 of the 11th January, sent to the MMIA Liaison Officers.

for the Secretary of War
signed : ALIBERTI 120016.

5244

Subject:- Tpt for Direzione Genio, Comando Terr. Napoli.

3DLO/14
23 Jan 45.

Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

M.M.I.A., NAPLES.

Ref conversation FREELAND - THRUPP today.

May a light lorry (preferably SPA 39 type) be allotted to the a/m Direzione for use as a utility vehicle in connection with the RE work now proceeding at AFRAGOLA Base Rft Depot.

An early release would be appreciated as without this vehicle work cannot properly be carried out.


Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

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11/14

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209 SUB AREA

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CG 2734 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ref your 503 q of 29 Dec (.) 541 Regt in
IR-ITT

Thomas May

5242

Subject: Italian Army - Tyres and Tubes Stocks

ST/1071

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C. (MILIA)

ROME

Tel: 489081 EXT 525

17 Jan. 45

To : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy : LOs Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MILIA)

1 District

52 Area

Naples

Sardinia

3 District

54 Area

Sicily

ST/1073/10

1. A check-up of the Tyres and Tubes information held in this HQ has been carried out with particular reference to your letter 26018 of 21 Dec. 44.-

2. This check-up has indicated that little reliance can be placed on the Tyres and Tubes stocks data held in this HQ based on the returns previously supplied by you as at 1 Oct. 44 in reply to letter from this HQ reference T/73 dated 7 Oct. 44.-

3. It is therefore necessary to effect forthwith a prompt and accurate stocktaking of your remaining holdings of Tyres and Tubes.-

4. The last release authorized by this HQ was Authorization No 102 dated 3 Jan. 45. Please take action to ensure that releases up to and including 102 are implemented forthwith.-

5. Then notify all Territorial Commands, Autieri Regiments and any other Italian Army installations holding any significant stocks of Tyres and Tubes not on vehicles that all such stocks are to be blocked as at 28 Jan 45. Any outstanding releases not executed at that date will be regarded as cancelled.-

6. On 29 Jan 45 a stocktaking of all Tyres and Tubes not on vehicles in possession of units of the Italian Army will be operated. Returns will show:

New Tyres by Sizes

New Tubes by Sizes

Second Hand Usable Tyres by Sizes

Second Hand Usable Tubes by Sizes

Second Hand Worth Retreading Tyres by Sizes.

7. The importance of this stocktaking does not need emphasizing since it will be based on appreciation by this HQ of the Tyres and Tubes

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Second Hand Worth Retreading Tyres by Sizes.
7. The importance of this stocktaking does not need emphasising since on it will be based an appreciation by this HQ of the Tyres and Tubes situation of Italian Army F.T. in the next few months and eventual action necessary.--
8. Please send your representative to discuss details of this operation with ST branch of this HQ immediately on receipt of this letter. As the stocktaking operation prescribed in para 6 will involve work in sorting and preparing the stock-holdings for the actual tally, the issue of the relative instructions is to be regarded as a matter of urgency.--

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(O.C. PAVINERAU)

Major RASO

Cor Lt. Col

AVS2, Land Forces Sub Corps A.C. (MIA)

CCP/ng

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject : Census return, 227 Div. - Italian Army MT.

3DIO/14
26 Dec 44

Land Forces Sub Commission, AC,
M. M. I. A.
R O M E .

Ref your ST/1004 dated 27 Nov 44.

Herewith completed census forms in respect
of Italian Army vehs held by 227 Div.


Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

5240

Subject:- Tyres and Tubes ^{from} Seriously Inefficient Vehicles

ST/1071

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (ITIA)
ROME

13 Dec. 44

Tel: 489031 EXT 526

to:- L.O.s Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (ITIA):-

Sardinia - Sicily - c/o H.Q. 52 Area - c/o H.Q. 54 Area:

Naples - 1 District - 3 District - Rear 5 Army -

Brit Incr. Rear 5 Army - Rear 8 Army.

1. Attached translation of 25100/22 dated 7 Dec. 44 from Italian War Ministry to Comando Campania; Sardegna; Calabria; Puglia-Lucania; Sicilia; Lazio-Umbria - Abruzzi, is self-explanatory.
2. Please follow up to ensure compliance by the Command to which you are accredited.

Ad. Pineau
(C.O. PINEAU)

Major RASC

for Lt. Col.

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (ITIA)

JAD/ag

5239

Subject:- TYRES AND TUNES OF SERIOUSLY INEFFICIENT VEHICLES

1. On occasion of visits and inspections it has frequently been observed that, in spite of repeated instructions, vehicles which have been collected in damaged vehicle Parks as a result of recovery operations or turned in by units with a definite transfer of accountability charge are frequently left with their Tyres mounted on them for a considerable time. Alternatively the Tyres are sometimes removed but kept in provisional storing places not suitable for the best protection of the Tyres and from which their existence is not reported.
2. It is therefore laid down that:
 - a) In the territory of each of the Military H.Q.s, who receive this letter, one single tyre depot will be set up, under the control of the H.Q.s themselves, and run by the largest Motorisation Unit in the Area (Antieri Groups etc).--
 - b) The tyres will be removed from all vehicles concentrated in damaged vehicle Parks as a result of recovery or turning in by units of vehicles with definite transfer of accountability charge in anticipation of demolition or large repairs.--
 - c) Such tyres will be classified and stored under three different headings: serviceable, repairable (by ordinary vulcanising or by technical process re-treading), useless (scrap).--
 - d) The tyres in the first two categories will be sent to the Territorial Tyre Depot, who will include them in the periodical stock reports which have been laid down.--
 - e) The tyres in the third category will, after the necessary formal procedure, be dealt with as scrap.--
 - f) The tyre outer covers which are in need of ordinary vulcanisation will be repaired as soon as possible, whereas those that require re-treading will be sent monthly to 8 REPAIR AND RECOVERY CENTRES, with a copy of the types and sizes despatched to this Ministry. These Tyres which need to be reconstructed and are at the moment in store will be sent in the first despatch, which will take place as quickly as possible.--
3. All serviceable tyres which will be collected under these arrangements in the respective Tyre Depots will be subject to allotment by this Ministry. Therefore authority must be given for from this Ministry, even for replacing tyres on repaired vehicles.
 For the moving of vehicles to be repaired at military or civilian workshops, the Tyres required may be employed temporarily

Unit in the Area (Antieri Groups etc).-

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For the moving of vehicles to be repaired at military or civilian workshops, the Tyres required may be employed temporarily without any permit from this Ministry. Care will be taken, however to use those least efficient, and the tyres will be returned to store after the journey.-

4. Bearing in mind all the above, it is obvious that no vehicle in a damaged vehicle park will be able to keep its tyres of any description and that no justification will be acceptable from personnel in charge of such parks, in the case of any breach of the so orders being established.-

5. Will you please acknowledge this and ensure that the above orders have been carried out by 31 Dec. 44.-

(Signed) ALBERTI, Gen. for
THE MINISTER.

5238

Subject : Tyres for FIAT car.

3DIO/14
15 Dec 44

HQ SO (M),
CMF.

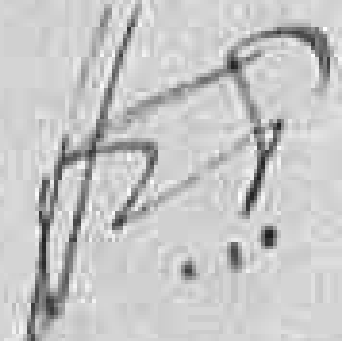
Ref your 51/Q dated 11 Dec 44.

My error as to the nature of No 1 Special Force is regretted!

It is not possible to issue tyres from Italian Army sources to British units, further, stocks of tyres of the size required have long since been used up.

I know of no place where such tyres can be obtained but would suggest that either you procure a set of 16" wheels for the veh or that you have the existing wheels converted to 16" by the addition of a ring welded to the rim in order to take Jeep type tyres.

These conversions are widely used and work satisfactorily.


Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

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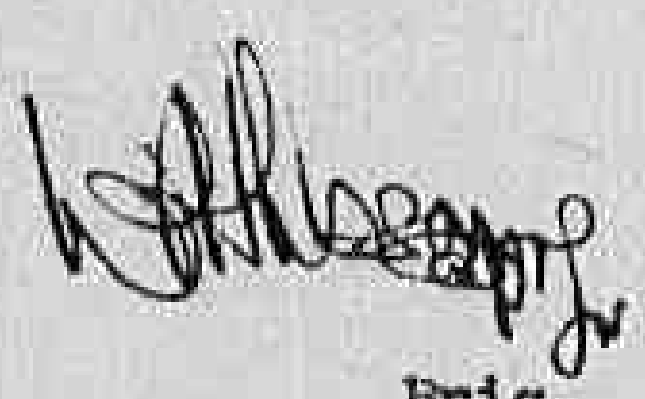
Subject :- Tyres for FI Car.

MMIALO, 3 Distriot, CMF.

HQ SO(M) CMF
Ref : 51/Q
Ext No 34
11 Dec 44

Ref your 3DLO/14 dated 7 Dec 44.

1. No 1 Special Force is a British Unit operationally employed in Italy and it would be appreciated if you could obtain release for the tyres as requested.
2. If this cannot be done could you please say from where FIAT tyres can be obtained.


Brig.
D.A. & Q.M.G.

Subject : Tyres for FIAT car.

3DIO/14
7 Dec 44

HQ SO (M),
C M F .

Ref your 51/Q dated 30 Nov 44.

No trace of "No 1 Special Force" can be found in the authorized MMIA order of Battle of the Italian Army and for this reason it is regretted that no allocation can be made to them of tyres from Italian Army stocks.

If this force forms part of the Italian Army I should be grateful for further details.

[Signature]
Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

Subject :- Tyres for Fiat Car.

Liaison Officer (2) Military Mission Italian Army
HQ No 3 District.

HQ SO(M) CMF
Ref : 51/Q
Ext No 34
30 Nov 44

1. It would be appreciated if the following tyres could be made available for use on a FIAT Car, which is at present held by No 1 Special Force, u/c this Organisation:-

5 Tyres size 550 x 15

2. All the tyres have been removed from the vehicle, as completely U.S., 27 punctures having occurred within 3 days.

3. The car is in good condition and is urgently needed, and therefore it is requested that these tyres may be released to enable the car to be put back on the road.

H. H. H. H. H.
Brig.
D.A. & Q.M.G.

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Subject :- Tyres for Fiat Car.

Liaison Officer
Military Mission Italian Army
HQ No 3 District.

HQ 30(M) OMF
Ref : 51/Q
Ext No 34
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H.C. Horne Maj
h Brig.
D.A. & Q.M.G.

5235

SUBJECT:- Italian Arm. Org

9th District

Att are copies of 70 Garrison Regt 9/18/1 of 21 Nov and UMI report dated 16 Nov. 9 506/7 2 *e*
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1. The Vels mentioned in the UMI report were issued for the use of the Italian units shown when these Italian units first took over duties in this area. There was no authority at that time to issue WD Vels to Italian units, and by verbal agreement with your HQ it was decided that for the purpose of accounting these vels would have to be held on charge by some British units.
2. 54 Coy BII therefore took these vels on charge but stated quite reasonably that since the vels were to be used, maintained and driven by Italians they could not accept responsibility for these vels in any way although they would supervise Italians as far as possible.
3. These vels have now been taken over by 70 Garrison Regt on the same terms but this is not a satisfactory arrangement. In view of the large number of WD Vels which must be used at present/Italian units it is considered that these vels should be held on charge by the Italian unit, the Italian CO accepting similar responsibilities for his tpt as would a British CO in similar circumstances.
4. It is understood that WD tpt and equipment has been issued to the Italian Combat Ops and this would seem to establish a precedent which might be followed in the case of Italian units under command in the D of C.

In the Field

28 Nov 44

Copy to:- HOME
UMI 3 District
70 Garrison Regt
Italian Liaison Staff
MIA 10

And Lee
Brigadier,
Cont 56 Area.

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ARMY FORM C. 2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

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Originator

Date-Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

For Action

To

(W) For Information (INFO)

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Originator's No.

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which have not been issued RE
registration numbers

This message may be sent
AS WRITTEN by any Means

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Office Date Stamp

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For Action

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To

ADNIB

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message
Instrns

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Originator's No.

HT 124 0 ref your ST 1004 Ph
27 0 ACK

This message may be sent
AS WRITTEN by any Means
(except Wireless)

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enemy hands this mes-
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ARMY FORM C. 2136 (Small)

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FROM (A)	Originator HQ SICILY REGION AC for ALBERT	Date-Time of Origin 091545A 10 0835A	Office Date Stamp
To	For Action MMIALO DISTHREE (W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instrns	GR

Originator's No. HT 100 (°) 8 vehicles now at 22 SALVAGE DEPOT CATANIA
urgently awaiting rerequisition and collection by COMANDO
MILITARE SICILIA if wanted (°) otherwise will be disposed
of to AC (°) suggest contact salvage depot who is freezing
them also COMANDO MILITARE for collection (°) signed THRUFP
senior

This message may be sent
AS WRITTEN by any Means

Except ☒ Wireless

Signed

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Instructions
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Subject:- Re-issues to MMIA

3 District
Tel Ext 79
151/Sal/65

MMIA LO,
HQ 3 District

9 Nov 44

Further to this office 151/Sal dated 28 Oct 44 and conversation
Capt Thrupp - Capt Mark 8 Nov 44.

1. Will you please confirm in writing that the vehicles listed
on the statement accompanying the a/m letter not being Italian
Military vehicles are not required by MMIA.

/AMT

J. M. Mark
J. M. Mark

Capt.,
for Major,
D.A.D. Salvage

5230

Subject :- Re-issue of Italian Vehicles to M.M.I.A.

File 14

3 District
Tel Ext 79
151/Sal

28 Oct 44

M.M.I.A. IO,
HQ 3 District.

G.C.,
HQ 22 Salvage Depot.

Ref conversation Capt Thrupp - Capt Mark today.

1. Enclosed herewith are copies (2) of a statement describing eight Italian vehicles awaiting disposal at HQ 22 Salvage Depot, Catania.
2. It is understood that there is no M.M.I.A. IO in Sicily and what we require to know at the earliest possible date is whether or not the Italian Army want these vehicles.
3. Authority will be given for them to be handed over upon request from M.M.I.A.
4. Will you kindly treat this matter as most urgent.

Understand these are civvy
vehs, therefore answer: No!
J.M. Mark

Capt.,
for Major,
D.A.D. Salvage

5229

COPY

Captured Vehicle Return
For which disposal instructions are required

56/ASO/2

O.C. 22 Salvage Depot

Date: 26

Serial No.	Engine No.	Make	Description	Remarks
1	18-300689	Spa	20 seat, Light Bus. Requisitioned by ENSA, class VI but running. No seats, otherwise complete. Condition fair.	
2	1575540	Alfa Romeo	Large Tanker, requisitioned by Fire Service, complete with wheels and tyres, not running, minor repairs required, no spares available, class VI.	
3	153624	Fiat	Saloon Car. No seats, no tyres, complete with wheels, engine almost complete, condition class VI poor.	Military Requisition
4	2414409	Fiat	Saloon Car. No seats, no tyres, class VI poor.	Military Requisition
5	889378	Lancia	Saloon Car. No seats, no tyres, class VI poor.	Military Requisition
6	213389	Fiat	Saloon Car. No seats, no tyres, class VI poor.	
7	057392	Fiat Balilla	Saloon Car. No seats, no tyres, class VI poor.	
8	200073	Fiat	Saloon Car. No seats, no tyres, class VI poor.	

(Sgd.) L. JEFFCOCK

26 Oct 44.

O.C. 22 Salvage Depot

5228

COPYCaptured Vehicle Return
For which disposal instructions are required56/ABO/23/5Date: 26.10.44.

Make	Description	Remarks
Spa	20 seat, Light Bus. Requisitioned by ENSA, class VI but running. No seats, otherwise complete. Condition fair.	
Alfa Romeo	Large Tanker, requisitioned by Fire Service, complete with wheels and tyres, not running, minor repairs required, no spares available, class VI.	
Fiat	Saloon Car. No seats, no tyres, complete with wheels, engine almost complete, condition class VI poor.	Military Requisition
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Lancia	Saloon Car. No seats, no tyres, class VI poor.	Military Requisition
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(Sgd.) L. JEFFCUTT Capt,

O.C. 22 Salvage Depot Abroad

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Captured Vehicle Return
for which disposal instructions are required

56/ASO/23

Date: 26.

O.C. 22 Salvage Depot

Serial No.	Engine No.	Make	Description	Remarks
1	18-300689	Spa	20 seat, Light Bus. Requisitioned by EMSA, class VI but running. No seats, otherwise complete. Condition fair.	
2	1575540	Alfa Romeo	Large Tanker, requisitioned by Fire Service, complete with wheels and tyres, not running, minor repairs required, no spares available, class VI.	
3	153624	Fiat	Saloon Car. No seats, no tyres, complete with wheels, engine almost complete, condition class VI poor.	Military Requisition
4	2114409	Fiat	Saloon Car. No seats, no tyres, class VI poor.	Military Requisition
5	889378	Lencier	Saloon Car. No seats, no tyres, class VI poor.	Military Requisition
6	213389	Fiat	Saloon Car. No seats, no tyres, class VI poor.	
7	057392	Fiat Ballille	Saloon Car. No seats, no tyres, class VI poor.	
8	200073	Fiat	Saloon Car. No seats, no tyres, class VI poor.	

(Sgd.) L. JEFFCO

O.C. 22 Salvage Depot

26 Oct 44.

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(Sgt.) L. JEFFCUTT Capt,

G.C. 22 Salvage Depot Abroad

2-14
Subject: Tires & Tubes for Timber Haulage
in Calabria.

E/73

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
tel: Rome 48908 EXT 526.

3 Oct 44.

To : Direz. Gen. Della Motorizzazione,
Ministry of War.

Copies: MMA LO 2 Dist.
MMA LO 3 Dist.
Directorate of Works AAI.
Chief Engineer 2 District.

1. Reference telephone advice Col. Balanino to Major Papineau that there are in fact 48 outer covers and 27 inner tubes since 750 x 20 available in Italian Military custody at Bari.
2. Please instruct Comando Puglia to hand over all the foregoing tires and tubes to representative of Chief Engineer 2 District.
3. Comando Puglia should be instructed to obtain receipt for tires and tubes handed over and forward same to Comando Calabria.
4. Chief Engineer 2 District will arrange for the tires and tubes to be forwarded through British Military Channels to O. G. 274, Works Section R. E. for use on the Italian Army vehicles concerned in Calabria.
5. Foregoing confirms telephone Gmt. Leoni (Directorate of Works AAI) - Major Papineau of 2 Oct. 44.
6. MMA LO. 2 District please keep in touch with the working of these arrangements at the Bari end.
7. War Ministry please arrange for Comando Calabria to report completion of this transfer in due course, and War Ministry in turn please confirm to this Hq.

B. Papineau
(O.G. PAPINEAU)
Major RASC.
for Lt. Col.

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CCP/SEH

Papineau
(C.O. PAFINIAU)
Major RASC.
for Lt. Col.
ADST, MIA.

B.F. 17 Oct.

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Subject:- Transport for 120 (Italian) Gd. Bn.

AQ/5/1

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

27 Sep 44.

To : MMIA IO, 3 District. ←

1. In reply to your 3 DLO/14 dated 23 Sep 44.
2. Note has been taken of this requirement and action to satisfy will be taken as soon as possible.

Chapman
(O.C. PAPILLAU). *Major*

for Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, MMIA.

CCP/JLD

T/24. (B/F 7 Oct 44)

Tell G3

3D

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Subject: Vehicles for Guard Battalions

AQ 5/1

26 Sep 44.

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.

tel: Rome 489081 EXT 526.

To : MMIA LO, Naples.

Copies : Direzione Motorizzazioni, War Ministry.
MMIA LO, 3 District.

1. Confirming telephones 24 Sep 44, MMIA Rome/War Ministry (Colonel Belandino - Major Papineau) and MMIA Rome/MMIA Naples (Capt Zayas - Major Papineau) and 26 Sep 44, MMIA Rome/MMIA Naples (Capt Thrupp - Major Papineau).
2. Guard Battalions are understood to be arriving presently in Naples from Sardinia as follows:-
 - 1 for 2 District
 - 2 for 5 Army
 - 1 for 3 District.
3. It is required to provide each Battalion with not exceeding three lorries depending on availability in the Torre Annunziata Park.
4. Based on document handed to Major Papineau in Naples on 18 Sep 44 from Capt Valetia, Comando Campania, and filed in SW/15 in Naples Office, there should be seven efficient three-tonners and two efficient four-tonners available at Torre Annunziata plus eight efficient one-tonners all as at 18 Sep 44. No vehicle releases have been authorised since 18 Sep 44.
5. Direzione Motorizzazioni, War Ministry undertook at request of MMIA, Rome to telephone on 24 Sep 44 to Naples to authorise Comando Campania to comply with whatever arrangements for the assignment of lorries from Torre Annunziata to these Guard Battalions might be decided by MMIA LO, Naples.
6. Will MMIA LO, Naples please report as soon as convenient -
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Papineau

(O.C. PAPINEAU).
for Lt. Col. RASC.
ADCT, MIA.

OCE/JAD

(T/24)

SUBJECT:- VPs

MMIA

Copy to:- 64. Garrison (your G1/5 dated 12 Sep 44
para 1 refers)

SECRET

3 District
Ext 8
132/G

24 Sep 44

1. In order to administer guards which are being placed on railway bridges on the line NAPLES - CASERTA - ROCCASTUCCA - ROME, two 15 cwt trucks are required by 120 Italian Bn (VAIRANO).
2. Establishment of VP guards on this line is being made in accordance with AAI Operation Instruction No 67 dated 31 Jul 44.
3. It is requested that the necessary application for release of these vehicles be made. MMIA Adm Distr No 3 SECTION II para 4 b and 4 c(II) refers.
4. As gd dets cannot be provided until tpt is supplied this matter should be treated as urgent.
5. It is emphasised that should these gds subsequently be withdrawn authority for retention of the 2 15 cwt by 120 Bn would be cancelled.

RES/JS

R. Spray
(RB SPRAY) Major
for Maj Gen
Comd

5223

Subject: Tpt requirements - Italian Army.

3DLO/14
23 Sep 44

Military Mission Italian Army,
R O M E .

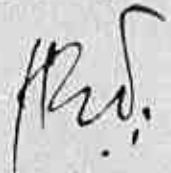
Two vehs (15-cwt, 30-cwt or 3-ton) are urgently needed to maint a det of 120 (Italian) Gd Bn, now working on the Allied programme.

This bn, upon orders from AAI, ^{has} have been instructed by 3 District to mount gds over ry bns on the line COLLE FERRO - MAGNANO.

They have no MT of their own neither have they a Brit cadre on whose charge Brit vehs might be placed.

10 Regt Autieri are at present functioning with difficulty on a dailypool system and have no vehs to spare. Pending the allocation of vehs the gd cannot be posted.

Will you please examine the possiblility of allotting this gd the necessary MT as soon as posible.


Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

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MMIA OFFICE INSTRUCTION NO. 46

Control of Tpt.

1. W.e.f. 19 Sep 44 the following changes will take place affecting the staff duties and control of tpt.
2. MMIA TPT.
 - (a) Capt. J.M. CRAIG will take over duties of Unit Tpt Offr for 33 Mil. Mission.
 - (b) He will be responsible to A.A. & Q.M.G. for all allotment of vehs and to A.D.S.T. for all maintenance of vehs of 33 Mil. Mission.
3. ITALIAN ARMY Tpt.
 - (a) Major O.C. PAPIREAU will take over duties of D.A.D.T., M.M.I.A. under the direction of A.D.S.T.
 - (b) Major PINKLEY is re-assigned to the General Staff Branch.
4. Division of Staff Duties covering the control of ITALIAN ARMY Tpt.
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 - (i) compiling and maintaining the appropriate records of ITALIAN ARMY Tpt.
 - (ii) Control and issue of all spare parts and tyres.
 - (iii) Making such day to day minor re-allocations of ITALIAN tpt as may be desirable between Italian units and workshops. Major movements of MI will in all cases be referred to the Q Staff.
 - (iv) The establishment of such Reserve Vehicle Park and ITALIAN G.T. Coys as may be laid down by the Q Staff.
 - (b) D.A.D.M.E. will be responsible for the maintenance and operation of ITALIAN ARMY Workshops.

FJN/hh

F. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G.

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23 MMIA to HQ 3 District
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for 33 Mil. Mission.

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19 SEP 44

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A.A. & Q.M.C.
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5221

SUBJECT - Italian Army MT in CALABRIA

Q 56 Area

ST
MMIA LO

Handwritten: 1/5 9
3 District
Ext 19
482 Q
4 Sep 44

Ref this HQ letter of even number dated 26 Aug 44.

The following reply has been addressed to Army Sub
Commission, AGC:-

- "1. The present plan for concentration of Italian troops in the NAPLES area will entail a considerable shortening of their L of C.
2. The refitting of the OIL with British equipment will throw up a considerable number of Italian and possibly American vehicles which, though not suitable for combat troops, are quite suitable for work on L of C.
3. It is considered that the Italian Army can still undertake the commitments in CALABRIA.
4. Will you therefore please have the necessary orders issued."

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RHL/stc

Handwritten: 1/10/44
Col
DA & QMG
(R.B. LEBOR)

5220

SUBJECT:- Italian Army in CALABRIA

Q AAI

Army Sub Commission AGO
Q 56 Area
MIA LO -
ST

3 District
Ext 82
482 Q
26 Aug 44

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

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

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

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

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

KARE/bak

B.A.H. Goodwin
Lt. Maj Gen
Comd
(B.A.H. GOODWIN)

COPY

SUBJECT:- Italian Army MT in CALABRIA

Army Sub Commission MMIA
HQ ACC
ROME
AQ/5

HQ 3 District

14 Aug 44

1. In para 8(e) and (f) of their operation Instruction No 2 (2048 G(O) of 17 Mar 44) 2 District laid down that the Italian Army Should:-

- (a) provide transport as required for road maintenance by the civil road organisation (at present 12 lorries are being used).
- (b) provide 60 lorries and drivers for the transport of timber.

2. Owing to the greatly extended L of C, the difficulty of administering troops in widely dispersed areas, the difficulties of getting transport from SARDINIA to replace worn out vehs, and the shortage of rail tpt, it will be impossible for the Italian Army to continue providing these vehs.

3. Will you therefore please make alternative arrangements so that these vehs may all be withdrawn by 31 Aug.

(Sgd) F.H. NOAKES
Lt Col AA2012
for Major General
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.
(MMIA)

/jrp

Copy to:- MMIA LO Mil HQ CALABRIA
"G" MMIA

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DISSEMINATE

MEMO

57 Area

MEMO LO (By hand)

Q 3986(.) CONFIDENTIAL(.) ref 57 Area signal Q 505/6 of 23(.) request
you represent facts urgently to AAI as District resources
cannot provide further

MT?

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FROM 57 AREA
TO (1) DISTHREE
INFO (2) MMIA (3) PBS FOR MMIA

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Q505/6 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) MMIA AQ 1820 OF 21 AUG (.) WATER TRUCKS SO FAR
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SUFFICIENT AS 6 X 3 BEING SUPPLIED FROM AREA SOURCES (.) MAY RELEASE
BE GIVEN FOR 6 X 3 SO THAT AREA VEHs CAN BE WITH DRAWN (.) NO
PROVISION MADE YET FOR C R E M O N A DIV (.) REQUEST THAT PROVISION
FOR THIS DIV IS MADE BEFORE THE DIV ARRIVES TO AVOID THE DIFFICULTIES
EXPERIENCED IN THE CASE OF FRIULI

FROM Q
TO MMIA A.O.

Q482/24A
5227

24 Aug 44

SUBJECT: Road vehicle situation of Italian Military in
Campania and attached PDS -III District-6 Army.

IR. MMIA.
NAPIES SECTION
32N/15

20 August 1944

TO : AA QM MMIA HQ.

Copies : DEPUTY DIRECTOR MMIA HQ
Special Section MMIA HQ
ADST MMIA HQ
DINAM 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.
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7. In the past Comando Campania and MMIA Naples have struggled along from expedient to expedient in obtaining vehicle assistance for IRI purposes from both PMS and III District sources. For example the greatest part of the distribution of IRI Nations from Naples Bulk Depot to the Distribution Depots of Aversa, Caserta and elsewhere has in the past been carried out by PMS Civilian Truck Pool Lorries secured for this work by devious devices. The transport for IRI transport 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 helpful from time to time.

8. There has recently been noticeable a sharp increase in the difficulty of securing road transport assistance from both PMS and 57 Area. This is an understandable consequence of current operations, and the trend is not likely to be reversed. On the other hand IRI requirements for transport in Naples tend constantly to increase as the various branches of MMIA succeed in getting the Italian military em-

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continue on to a more self-supporting basis.

9. As a result of these trends the IRI 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 Servizio 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 IRI 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 Gardinia for 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.

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 94 water trucks and 6 x 3 tonners to be drawn by Friuli Division from 9 vehicle Park Capua under authorities quoted in IRI District signal SD 3043 of 20 Aug. 44.

b) Italian vehicles. Friuli Division state at present they have available the following 4 4 FIAT half-ton ranabouts (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 IRI 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

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13. The transfer of 171 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 EMIA ROME. The greater part of the tyres which have come over so far are small sizes which will give no assistance to the road carrier problem.

14. The Italian military are holding at Naples 4 load-carriers turned in by the EMIA Division and 4 by 226 Division on transfer from Sardinia. A further 18 road carriers originate from Sardinia are working on the CIL ammunition run. Action has been taken in the past week to take into immediate use in Naples 3 trailers belonging to 3 of the frozen vehicles, and the Italian Campania Authorities have also been instructed to proceed (without prejudice to eventual allocation) with repairs required by the 5 vehicles to make them runners.

15. The foregoing are the main elements in the position. The following are the conclusions:-

a) Cosanto Campania is on present evidence genuinely unable to meet essential transport requirements of local Italian military formations and of EMIA Naples. No practical purpose would therefore be served by transferring load-carriers from

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Comando Campania to either 2nd Army or Friuli Division. If such transfer is insisted upon either the Allies will have to provide a corresponding more ~~in Campania~~ transport to the Italians were 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 Reggimento Autieri) on completion of repairs.

c) The vehicle position of Comando Campania contained in X attached Appendix should be thoroughly worked over by MIA Naples or by a first class calibre Italian Officer to be ~~assigned~~ seconded by War Ministry and to work under direction of MIA 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 cannibalisation 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 GIL ammunition run and for additional vehicles arrive ex Sardinia, allocations from these two sources to be made to 11th Five Army and for Friuli Division as the situation may then require.

e) Existing tight control by MIA Naples of Comando Campania vehicle position is to be maintained and developed.

f) Vehicle allocation both lighter and heavier vehicles) of 11th troops with 11th District to be investigated by MIA 10 11th District with view to possible release of a surplus. Particularly on heavier load-carriers the figure of runners available to 11th District Italian troops looks relatively generous in view of number of troops concerned.

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

Chapman

O.C. PAFINEAU
Major RASQ
ST. LIAISON OFFICER
MIA Naples

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strict Italian troops looks relatively generous in view of number
of troops concerned.

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

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ROAD VEHICLE SITUATION ITALIAN MILITARY IN CAMPAIGN AND ATTACHED PIRG
 ILL DISTRICT 5 ARMY

(Based on Vehicle Entry Returns As At 1 August 44)

UNITS AND / OR GROUPS OF UNITS	MOTOR VEHICLES				PASSENGER CARS AND LOAD CARRIERS BELOW 2 TONS				LOAD CARRIERS 2 TONS AND UPWARDS			
	Number	For Pass. Cue Tyres only	For Pass. Cue Tyres only	For Pass. Cue Tyres only	For Pass. Cue Tyres only	For Pass. Cue Tyres only	For Pass. Cue Tyres only	For Pass. Cue Tyres only	For Pass. Cue Tyres only	For Pass. Cue Tyres only	For Pass. Cue Tyres only	For Pass. Cue Tyres only
24 Comando Campagna	-	1	13	11	-	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
Artillery Command of Campagna	7	4	3	7	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	4
Engineer Command "	2	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Commissariato Directorate Cam.	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Medical Directorate Campagna	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			(all ambulances)									
Carabinieri Campagna	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legions, Area Commands etc.	10	-	13	6	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10 Motor Vehicle Company	9	-	13	44	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	3
												103
Total COMMANDO CAMPAGNA	42	-	60	69	1	69	69	69	69	69	69	114
10 Legion Carabinieri	24	-	27	11	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 Legion Air Force Guard	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Railway Units (under AAI direction)	6	-	20	6	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	5
CHERCHI	2	-	2	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
ISI Troops with PIRG	20	4	40	31	6	37	37	37	37	37	37	21

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