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Opened Sept. 22, 1944 - Closed Feb. 20, 1945

Sept. 1944 - Feb. 1945

Subject:- POL issue to Italian Military.


3DLO/29
20 Feb 45.

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Ref your 1532/ST2 dated 8 Feb 45.

The POL issues referred to were in effect regular even though the work ticket was not correctly stamped.

Col. ROSSI-PASSAVANTI is Welfare officer at HQ 228 Div and was at the time engaged on a tour of inspection of Italian War Cemeteries. His vehicle was a Fiat 526 which would account for the high petrol consumption.


Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

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19 FEB Recd

Subject:- P.O.L. - Issues to Italian Military.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Com.A.C. (MMIA),
c/o Rear HQ Eighth Army.
DO/

13 February, 1945.

Dear,

Howard

Many thanks for your letter. The gentleman in question must be old Colonello ROSSI-PASSAVANTI (Medaglia d'Oro and bar, med. d'Argento and two bars, many bronzes and six wound stripes) who is TOMASELLI'S Welfare man. He was apparently pottering around that area last month, quite legitimately, I believe, in connection with the Italian Military Cemetery, in a Fiat 626 (which would account for the high consumption).

I am in the midst of issuing a sort of "circolare" to 228 Div on the use of veh passes and the necessity of having "ENTITLED TO DRAW P.O.L. ETC." stamped on them when going out of Army Area. There has been a bit of delay I am afraid.

Since you base-wallahs seem to live in ignorance of what goes on in the fighting zone, I had better tell you that I.F.A. HQ was the old term for 228 Div (Italian Force Adm H.Q.).

Yours

TBC

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Subject:- POL issues to Italian Military.

3DLO/29/DO
10 Feb 45.

Dear *V*

There is little information to be gathered from the attached correspondence except for the words "HQ 228 Div." For this reason I'm passing the correspondence to you for the necessary investigation, and if you could send me a report on the results I should be most grateful.

IFA HQ sounds an interesting body - speculation here is rife as to what its functions might be. I personally think it is the result of a Cockney clerk trying to say AFHQ over the telephone.

And what could "Colonel Bain Passitante" be but the OC of a mobile Bath Unit?

Yours,

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Capt. V.C.J. Thrupp.
MMIA IO,
Rear HQ 8th Army.
C.M.F.

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SUBJECT: Transport

3 District
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Hq Allied Commission

11 Jan 45

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1. During the recent disturbances in SICILY numerous requests were received from AG by 204 Sub Area for tpt to assist in emergency movement of Italian tps.
2. After investigation it was found that Italian Army tpt was not available due to shortage of petrol.
3. It will be appreciated if you will investigate this matter and take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that CIP are in a position to meet the Italian Army requirements of POL.
4. Your comments on the case in point are requested.

Robert M. Lee 15/66

Maj Gen
Comd
(R.B. LEECH)

JH/bt

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SUBJECT: Summary of Special Issues

128 Petrol Depot, RASC,
128PD/6
2 February 1945

ST 56 Area (in duplicate).

Herewith summary of issues made by this Depot under category 4 of Appendix 'B' to AFHQ PCL Instruction No 7, during the month of January 45.

Commando 228 Division MT80 132 galls

Authority British I/Officer IFA HQ

This issue was made under para 5 of 3 District letter 1532/ST2 dated 9 November 44. The lorry was carrying a "Colonel Bain Passitante", whose duty included visiting several units in the neighbourhood of SPANISE before continuing his journey. The driver was in possession of a letter signed by a Liaison Officer, requesting that any petrol necessary for their journey be issued. He was also carrying a form of trip ticket in both Italian and English but it was not stamped, "Entitled to draw from Allied Stocks". He was carrying three barrels because the vehicle had a very high rate of consumption.

(Sgd) ? ? ? ? ? ? ?
Captain, RASC,
Commanding.

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Attachment: Receipted Vouchers.

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Att. 51

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Subject:- POL for 541 Regt. (Italian)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C. (MMIA)
ROME

3 Jan.45

Tel: 489081 EXT 526

To:- L.O. Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
3 District.

← See preceding letter

1. Further to this HQ letter ST/1082 dated 22 Dec. 44 addressed HQ 209 Sub.Area (British), copy to you.
2. Reply has been received from 209 Sub. Area under reference 508 Q dated 29 Dec.44 addressed HQ, MMIA, copy to 3 District, requesting 3 District confirmation of 541 Regt as a BR-ITI unit.
3. Please contact HQ 3 District ref this matter and arrange for the necessary confirmation to be given.

Papineau

(O.C. PAPINEAU)
Major RASC
for Lt.Col

JMD/ag

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

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Subject:- POL for 541 Regt. (Italian)

27 (429)
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ST/1082

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C. (MIA)

ROME

Tel: 489081 EXT 525

22 Dec. 44

To:- HQ 209 Sub Area (British).

Copies:- PET Sec. AFHQ RAAC.

L.O. Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)

c/o HQ 54 Area.

L.O. Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)

3 District.

Ministry of War (in reply to 25982/23/G/3 of 13 Dec. 44.

1. Italian Ministry of War (in letter above quoted) has reported to this HQ that wef 1 Dec. 44., the Allied authorities concerned have informed HQ 541 Regt (Italian) located at Ortona that POL for the Regiment will in future require to be obtained from Italian War Ministry stocks.-
2. The above report is not understood by this HQ. 541 Regt. is categorised as BR-ITI under command 3 District. As such the vehicles of the Regiment are entitled to draw POL from Allied stocks on presentation of British Work Tickets, countersigned in red by an Allied Officer " Authorised to draw POL from Allied Stocks ".
3. May your comments please be furnished ?.-

Edwin

(G.C. PIPINBAU)

Maj 6694

for Lt. Col.

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

OCF/ag.

SUBJECT: POL Issues to Italian Military

SECRET
3 District
Tel 1111 Ext 28
1532/ST2

9 Nov 44

DISTRIBUTION: As Below.

1. The following points are given in amplification of this office letter 1532/ST2 dated 28 Oct 44.
2. All Italian Military Formations and Units Near of Army Boundaries supervised by an Allied Liaison Officer or an Allied Headquarters are also entitled to draw from Allied Military stocks. Such formations or Units are defined as:-
 - (a) ER-IMI - (Under British Command)
 - (b) US-ITF - (Under US Command)
3. The only Italian Military Units that are NOT authorised to draw from Allied Military stocks are the formations or Units defined as:-

ITF-ITF - (Under command of the Theatre Commander through Italian War Ministry)

Such Units will, except in cases of emergency, draw total requirements from CIP stocks. In the event of emergency issues being made a brief report in duplicate will be rendered supported by vouchers, to reach this office by the 4th of the month following.

4. It must be clearly understood by POL operatives that issues will not be made from Allied Military stocks unless the authorities required in paras 3 and 4 this office letter 1532/ST2 dated 28 Oct 44 are fully complied with. **6693**
5. In all cases responsibility for making endorsement on Trip/Work Tickets or incidents will be that of a US or British Officer. Italian Units not having a US/British Cadre or Liaison Officer will have endorsements made by the Allied Headquarters supervising them.
6. It is understood a GPO will shortly be published on this subject.

2. All Italian Military Formations and Units Rear of Army Boundaries supervised by an Allied Liaison Officer or an Allied Headquarters are also entitled to draw from Allied Military stocks. Such formations or Units are defined as:-

- (a) BR-ITI - (Under British Command)
- (b) US-ITI - (Under US Command)

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ITI-ITI - (Under command of the Theatre Commander through Italian War Ministry)

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5. In all cases responsibility for making endorsement on Trip/Work tickets or indents will be that of a US or British Officer. Italian Units not having a US/British Cadre or Liaison Officer will have endorsements made by the Allied Headquarters supervising them.

6. It is understood a GRC will shortly be published on this subject.

J. W. ...
Col
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DISTRIBUTION

- ST 52 Area
- ST 54 Area
- ST 56 Area
- ST 70 Sub Area
- ST 94 Sub Area
- ST 64 Garrison
- ST 67 Garrison
- ITALIA IO -
- 'X'
- 'LAB'

- ADST MMIA
- CRASC 11 Petroleum Installations
- CRASC 12 Petroleum Installations
- ST 50 BLU
- ST 51 BLU
- ST 52 BLU
- ST 53 BLU
- Italian IO
- 'X'
- 'LAB'

Subject : Petrol

3 DLG / 29
7 Nov. 1944

MMIA LO - No 1 DISTRICT
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Copy to : 67 Garrison
Delegazione ' A '

Ref. your LO / Q 6 of 27 Oct. 1944

For your information the following extract is taken
from 3 District 1532/ST 2 of 28 Oct. 1944, Subject :
POL Issues to Italian Military :

" UNITS AND FORMATIONS WHICH MAY DRAW DIRECT FROM
US/BRITISH STOCKS .

- a) US/British Units diluted with Italians.
- b) Italian Units working for Allied Military
which have US/British cadres, i.e. Italian GP
Coys etc.
- c) Combat Italian Formations, which are super-
vised by US or British Liaison Units ;
Those at present concerned are :-

PRIULI Div)	
CREMONA Div)	94 Sub-Area
MANTOVA Div (due shortly))	
FOLGORE Div)	66924 Garrison
LEGNANO Div)	

NOTE : Italian Units not covered by (a), (b), (c), above
will continue to draw from CIP. "

V.C.J. Thrupp
(V.C.J. THRUPP) Cap.
MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT.

Subject: Petrol

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Liaison Officer,
Military Mission
Italian Army.
o/o HQ., I District.
LO/Q5.

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27 Oct 44.

TO: M.M.I.A., LO.,
No. 3 District.

Ref. 3200/Serv of 25 Oct 44 from Delegazione "A" to MMIA., LO., I District: referring to refusal of 67 Garrison to supply petrol to Delegazione "A" as they have no instructions to do so from 3 District.

2. The Delegazione "A" is stationed at CHIETI, in 67 Garrison. Would you please take the necessary steps to clarify their position as they need the petrol urgently.

[Signature]
Capt.,
MMIA., LO., I District.

Copy to: -67 Garrison.
Delegazione "A".

KRN

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SUBJECT: POL Issues to Italian Military

SECRET

3 District
Tel 1111 Exr 26
1532/ST2

DISTRIBUTION as below

18 Oct 44

1. In order to overcome the considerable difficulty which has been experienced at Petrol Points in the past in distinguishing between Italian driven vehicles which should be supplied from Allied Military stocks and those which should draw from CIP, the procedure outlined below will become operative W.S.F. 1 NOV 44.

UNITS & FORMATIONS WHICH MAY DRAW POL FROM US/BRITISH STOCKS

- 2. (a) US/British units allied with Italians.
- (b) Italian Units working for Allied Military which have US/British CIG, i.e. Italian CF Coys, etc.
- (c) Combat Italian formations which are supervised by US or British Liaison Units. Those at present concerned are:-

TRIULI Div	} 94 Sub Area
CREMONA Div	
MANTOVA (Gas shovels)	
BOLOGNE Div	} 64 Garrison
LIGNANO Div	

NOTE: Italian Units not covered by (a), (b), (c) above will continue to draw from CIP.

AUTHORITY REQUIRED TO DRAW FROM US/BRITISH SOURCES

3. (a) CASUAL VEHICLES
 In order that categories indicated in para 2 (a), (b), (c) may be readily identified by Petrol Point personnel, all drivers of vehicles in these categories will carry Trip Tickets (US Army Form WD QAC FM 237) or Work Tickets (AFG 3518) and these documents will be clearly endorsed by a rubber stamp as follows:-

"Entitled to draw POL from Allied Military Stocks",
 Until rubber stamps are made available, this endorsement will be made in red ink.
 Trip/Work Tickets will also be properly made out in the normal way.

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UNITS & FORMATIONS WHICH MAY DRAW POL FROM US/BRITISH STOCKS

- 2. (a) US/British Units aligned with Italian.
- (b) Italian Units working for Allied Military which have US/British CAC, i.e. Italian CF Coy's, etc.
- (c) Combat Italian Formations which are supervised by US or British Liaison Units. Those at present concerned are:-
 - ERRILI Div } 94 Sub Area
 - CRUSONA Div }
 - MANTOVA (due shortly) }
 - POLCONE Div } 54 Garrison
 - LIGNANO Div }

NOTE: Italian Units not covered by (a), (b), (c) above will continue to draw from GIC.

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 "Entitled to draw POL from Allied Military Stocks".
 Until rubber stamps are made available, this endorsement will be made in red ink.
 Trip/Work Tickets will also be properly made out in the normal way.

- (b) BULK ISSUES
 Indents for packed or bulk requirements will conform to the procedure laid down in para 2 of Appendix 'A' to GRC 341/44. POL Units will not issue unless the indents are correctly completed and are:-

- (i) Signed by an officer.
 - (ii) Bear Unit or Formation Stamp.
 - (iii) Incorporate the endorsement or bear the stamp "Entitled to draw POL from Allied Military Stocks"
4. Custody of the rubber stamp and responsibility for making endorsements will be restricted to the following:-
- (i) US/British Officers concerned with Units in para 2 (a) and (b).
 - (ii) Allied Officers of Liaison Units attached to Divs shown in para 2 (c).

ACCOUNTING

- 5. Monthly summary of issues to reach this office by 4th of following month.
- 6. Should an vehicle request refuelling and not be in possession of the required authority, issues may only be made in an emergency. In such cases copies of receipts will be forwarded to reach this office by 4th of the following month.

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- 7. In order to ensure this system operates satisfactorily, it will be necessary for ST Area/Sub Area/Garrison to liaise with OSC of Units referred to in para 2 (a) and (b) in order that Trip Tickets, Work Tickets and Indents are ordered correctly with the necessary certificate.
- 8. All previous instructions should be modified accordingly. Revision of AFHQ Adm Memo 11/48 will be sent out in due course.

Handwritten signature
cc:
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DISTRIBUTION

- ST 52 Area
- ST 54 Area
- ST 56 Area
- ST 70 Sub Area
- ST 74 Sub Area
- ST 84 Garrison
- ST 67 Garrison
- OSF MIL
- OSISC 11 Petroleum Installations
- OSISC 12 Petroleum Installations
- ST 14' SUU
- ST 18' BLU
- 19'
- AFHQ IO
- Italian IO

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Subject: POL For 227 Division Vehicles.

9/82

3 Oct 44.

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
tel: Rome 459081 EXT 526.

To : Dirz. Gen. Della Motorizzazione.
Ministry of War.

Copies : Pet Sec AFHQ RAAC.
AFIA LG 3 District. ←
AFIA LG 227.

1. In reply to your 19115/23/9/4 of 1 Oct 44.
2. In order to decide the Benzine query, please explain the position regarding the vehicles assigned to 227 Division "su che effettuario saranno per conto del Comando Militare della Campania." How many vehicles are involved, what services are they engaged on and where are they located? Nothing is known of such vehicles in this HQ or in AFIA office Naples.
3. Reference the Diesel Oil query there is no difficulty in drawing this fuel normally from Allied POL supply points. Please therefore request Comando 227 Division to check up this point further with HQ 3 District (DADS Petrol) and report back to you for report in turn to this HQ.
4. In principle since 227 Division forms part of the Allied Order of Battle all its vehicles should obtain their POL requirements from Allied supply points "through the normal.... British Maintenance System" (authority AFHQ letter AG 400/205 D-C of 22 Sep 44, appendix D, para 1). Please request Comando 227 Division to confirm this principle with HQ 3 District or receipt of their confirmation arrange that no requirements for 227 Division are in future included in your monthly requests submitted to this HQ.

Copies: 1st Sec AFHQ MAC,
MIA LO 3 District, ←
MIA LO FDS.

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G. C. Rapielau
 (G.C. RAPIELAU)
 Major RASC.
 for Lt. Col.
 ADST, MIA.

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(B/F 11 Oct 44)

(29) *ARMIA LO 3 8 55*
POL general

Subject:- POL Allocations - Italian Army (including CC.RR).

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
ST/51/4.

Ministry of War

22 Sep 44.

1. Effective inclusive the POL bid to be submitted to this HQ by 16 October 1944, for consumption during period November 1944, a revised form for submission of bids will be taken into use.
A specimen copy of the new form is attached.
2. The following points are called to your attention:-
 - (a) The number of vehicles in operation will be those that are road-worthy at the time the bid is compiled.
 - (b) The scales of allotment have been found by experience to be a reasonable minimum, but you will understand strict conservation is essential.
 - (c)
 - i. The actual bid, that is "Required per vehicle state", in Part 2 of the form is calculated on the numbers of vehicles times the appropriate scales of allotment shown in Part 1 of the form.
 - ii. Stock balances are offset against these requirements, thus having a net requirement, representing the final bid.
 - iii. Stock balances will include stocks actually on hand from previous allocations, plus all stocks of Italian POL belonging to the War Ministry.
 - iv. Any portions of previous Allied allocations which have NOT been withdrawn from C.I.P. installations will NOT be included in stock balances, as all such uncollected portions automatically lapse at the end of a period.
 - v. It is essential you arrange for stock figures to reach you in time to complete the form by the due date, as no allocations will be made if stock figures are not included in the form.
From this it follows that BIL stocks must be shown, otherwise confusion may arise.
 - (d) The bid for CC.RR use will be based ONLY on the "Normal Use" scale of allotment.

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[Signature]
for Major General
Military Mission Italian Army.

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Copy to:- AFHQ Pet. Sec.
ALL MMIA LOs.
AQ MMIA.

PART 1 VEHICLE STRENGTH as at 1st 194 forming basis of P.O.L. BID for 194.

To be rendered monthly to re

VEHICLES IN OPERATION i.e. does not include non-runners and vchs to be evacuated.	Scale of allotment per vehicle per day in gallons	SARDINIA	SICILY	CAMPANIA	PUGLIA AND LUCANIA	CALABRIA	ROME	S.M.I. AND M. OF
<u>TRAINING.</u>								
Benzina	(Wheeled.....)	4.5						
	($\frac{1}{2}$ track.....)	18						
	(Full track.....)	45						
	(M/cycles.....)	4.5						
<u>NORMAL USE.</u>								
Benzina	(Wheeled.....)	2						
	($\frac{1}{2}$ track.....)	4.5						
	(Full track.....)	4.5						
	(M/cycles.....)	2						
<u>TRAINING.</u>								
A.G.O.	(Wheeled.....)	4.5						
	($\frac{1}{2}$ track.....)	18						
	(Full track.....)	45						
<u>NORMAL USE.</u>								
A.G.O.	(Wheeled.....)	2						
	($\frac{1}{2}$ track.....)	4.5						
	(Full track.....)	4.5						
<u>TOTAL VEHICLES</u>								

To be added at foot of Part 1:-

- NOTES: (a) TRAINING = Manouevres, tactical exercises.
 (b) NORMAL USE = (i) Collection of stores and ret
 (ii) Training of personnel as dri
 (c) The return will show all vehicles other than
 Arties.
 (d) Vehicles employed on clearance of railheads a
 scale.
 (e) CG.RR will operate on normal use scale.

NOTES:- As above.

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1st 194 Forming basis of P.O.L. BID for 194

To be rendered monthly to reach H.Q. M.M.I.A. by 16 of each month

Rate of Plotment per vehicle per day in gallons	<u>SARDINIA</u>	<u>SICILY</u>	<u>CAMPANIA</u>	<u>PUGLIA AND LUCANIA</u>	<u>CALABRIA</u>	<u>ROME</u>	<u>S.M.R.E. AND M. OF W.</u>	<u>POLIGNANO SCHOOL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
4.5									
18									
45									
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2	<p>To be added at foot of Part 1:-</p> <p>NOTES: (a) <u>TRAINING</u> = Manouvers, tactical exercises.</p> <p>(b) <u>NORMAL USE</u> = (i) Collection of stores and rations for unit maintenance, (ii) Training of personnel as drivers.</p> <p>(c) The return will show <u>all</u> vehicles other than under operational command Allied Armies.</p> <p>(d) Vehicles employed on clearance of railheads and dumps will operate under Training scale.</p> <p>(e) CC.RR will operate on normal use scale.</p>								
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NOTES:- As above.

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