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VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Opened July 14, 1945. Closed Jan. 5, 1946
July 1945. Jan. 1946

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4 Sections as below:

- a) - 1 Capt. 3 ORG. All of which sections are now idle
Hq. Maj. plus 2 clerks.
Vehicles 6-15 cwt. : 4x / R.U.

Austin utility	1540318
Fordson 15 Cwt 4x2	4959132
Fordson " " "	4844749
Fordson " " "	4959734
Fordson " " "	717190
Dodge " " "	4795025
Dodge " " "	4982287
Dodge " " "	4983415
Bedford " " "	4433016

- b) - U.M.I. It. has been responsible to Col. Morani, Artillery Rome.

- c) It. debt 1000 Galls. petrol which has been borrowed from various Units. **3832**

- d) - Mennielli has compiled task system for It. vehicles also revised? Brit. system to suit It. drivers ???
12 tasks only. He will probably visit Rome on the 11th.

- e) - Place for Hq. is Florence, sub sections att. to Terr. Comd. workshops to be advised-all help possible to be given to U.M.I.-British system to be maintained.

- f) - P.O.L. Coupons to be made available to U.M.I. to enable them to draw from any C.I.P. in Italy. Approx. amount required:-

2120 galls. or 9600 litres per month.

- g) - Considered essential that first a refit programme for U.M.I. Vehicles is organized, followed by an inspection programme arranged as detailed by Italian Ministry of War.

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Subject:- Maintenance of British Equipment Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROMEX.

Q.003.

18 January, 1946.

To:-

G.R.Q.

Reference your GHO/253/6/Q(AE) dated 10 Jan 46. (31)

1. Your attention is drawn to the information contained in annexure ZA, 20 copies of which were forwarded to A.F.H.Q. C(3D) under HQ.054 of 4 Jan 46. It will be observed that in the appendices to your letter no reference is made to artillery equipment such as 25 pr, 17 pr., etc.

It is further noted that as regards transport vehicles, no information is given as to types. Detailed information under this heading is being obtained from the War Ministry, who have been urged to expedite this return.

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R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
For Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:-

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R.N.I.A. —

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Subject:-

Maintenance of British H.Q.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. L. A.)
C.O.O.

3 December 1945

To:-

Ministry of War.

1. You are requested to expedite and notify the probable date of completion of the census return called for in this H.Q. letter C.O.O. of 13 December 1945, and discussed verbally at the meeting at the War Ministry between General Properri - Lt. Col. Curties on 14 Dec 45. These figures are required by A.F.H.Q. to clarify the position as regards the number of different types of British vehicles at present held by the Italian Army. On this will depend the issue of spare parts so far as they are available in British Depots. Arrangements are in hand for spares available to be transferred to the Italian Army at the British Ordnance Depot, Naples. It is understood you have selected an English speaking officer to supervise this take-over. Please confirm and notify rank and name.

2. Everything possible is being done to expedite the return of premises at present occupied by the Allies at Bologna and required by C.A.R.E.

3. A meeting has been arranged between your representative and the Minister of Transport to further expedite the delivery to the Army of re-conditioned Allied vehicles. At this meeting it is hoped to obtain a *firm* forecast of what vehicles will be available, and when.

4. The future maintenance of Allied vehicles depends on:
(a) the provision of the necessary spare parts either from British Ordnance stocks or from the cannibalisation of Glans V Allied vehicles. It is a matter of extreme urgency that such cannibalisation shall be strictly controlled and prohibited except from vehicles *specifically* set aside for the purpose and under the control of the Director of Repairs at Bologna.

(b) the established and efficient operation of the M.T. Repairs workshop at Bologna.

(c) the maximum efficiency in the workshops belonging to the Combat Divs.

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(b) the established and efficient operation of the A.T. Repairs workshop at Bologna.

(a) the maximum efficiency in the workshops belonging to the Combat Divs.

5. In order that the units concerned may be adequately maintained to the minimum scale essential for their present operation, it is recommended, as already discussed with Col. Piacentini, that the Ministry shall issue a scale of "approved holdings", this scale to indicate the number and types of vehicles which must be maintained. It may well vary as between one Combat Div and another, as it should be based on the essential needs of the unit concerned as at present situated.

6. In order that the dimensions of this particular problem of maintaining Allied transport can be appreciated, you are requested to obtain and forward bi-monthly statements, commencing 15 January 46, which will show, by types, the number of vehicles "off the road" owing to lack of spare parts or tyres.

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Copy to: C.R.D.
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S.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
For Major General,
M. H. I. A.

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Subject:- Maintenance of British Equipment - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
Q.003.
22 December 1945.

To:- G.H.Q.

Reference this H.Q. letter Q.003 dated 20 Dec 45.

The following amendment should be made to last sub-paragraph of Q.003 dated 20 Dec 45:

After "3,000 'A' vehicles" in line 2,
insert "and 10,000 other British vehicles".

R.A. Curties
R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Distribution: HQ (10)
Ministry of Supply (1)
R.E.M.E. (1)
ORD(1)
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ST. Louis

~~not to RENE~~
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FERRARA will feed from BOLOGNA
AREZZO " " " FLORENCE
FOLIGNO " " " ROME
5,000 1 District will feed
from LECORNI

All included in figs
above.

4. ISSUING PERIODS.

- (i) It was agreed that these should conform with those already in the South i.e. 8th to 20th and 21st to 5th.
- (ii) In depots served both by GENOA and LECORNI every effort

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(b) Maintenance of M.V.

Provisions contained in circulars No. 200800/II of April 8, 1945, of the Ministry of War - Cabinet - and No. 4630/2.A of July 9, 1945 of the Directorate General of Artillery and Motorisation will be adhered to strictly and in full.

You are expected to exercise a watchful and constant check upon the agencies under your command in order to ensure that they as well as the organisations actually using the vehicles, properly publicise the new maintenance system, ensure compliance therewith and check its enactment.

Full co-operation should be demanded of all military personnel in order to achieve this purpose. Persistent efforts should be made by officers and N.C.Os. to make drivers become conservation-minded, make them take pride in their vehicles and cause them to handle them with care and attention.

Any man showing a lack of understanding, or signs of laziness or incompetence, should be punished severely and, if necessary, eliminated.

You are kindly requested to forward monthly to the Directorate General of Artillery and Motorisation a brief report on the progress of this important service, listing the shortcomings ascertained, the measures taken, and, possibly, submitting recommendations intended to bring about further improvements.

(signed) Jacini.

Minister.

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Subject :- U.M.I. Reports.

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (U.M.I.A.)
ROME
EME/1405

24 August 45.

Dir. Gen. Artig e Motorizzazione
Ministry of War.

1. Further to our letter EME/1405 dated 18th August 45.
2. Herewith further reports on Unit Maintenance, for necessary action by you.

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[Signature]
Major R.A.O.C.
for R.E.M.E. Branch,
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (U.M.I.A.)

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SUBJECT ITALIAN UNIT MAINTENANCE REPORTS.

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ITALIAN UNIT MAINTENANCE
INSPECTORATE
o/o U.M.I. ("B" VEH. SECTION)
ULME. HQ. 2 DISTRICT

To: SO. REME. H.Q. MM.I.R. - ROME

Would you kindly forward the enclosed to
Ministero della Guerra.... (~~of the Italian Unit Maintenance~~
~~Inspectorate~~) as requested in our letter 2D/UMI/63/2 dated 16th
July 1945.

Major
3.1. Italian Income 3805
[Signature]

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REME

SUBJECT: ITALIAN UNIT MAINTENANCE REPORTS.

ITALIAN UNIT MAINTENANCE
INSPECTORATE
o/o U.M.I. ("B" VEH. SECTION)
GIME. NO. 2 DISTRICT

To SO. REME. HQ MMIA.

Would you kindly forward the enclosed to the
Italian War Ministry (of the Italian Unit Maintenance
Inspectorate) as requested in our letter 2D/UMI/63/2 dated 16th
July 1945.

attached passed
to MGW

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Major
S. I. Italian Regiment.

Handwritten signature

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SUBJECT: ITALIAN UNIT MAINTENANCE REPORTS.

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ITALIAN UNIT MAINTENANCE
INSPECTORATE
c/o U.M.I. ("B" VEH. SECTION)
DIME. HO. 2 DISTRICT

To *S.O. REMÉ. HQ MMIA.*

Would you kindly forward the enclosed to *Ministero*
della Guerra (of the Italian Unit Maintenance
Inspectorate) as requested in our letter 2D/UMI/63/2 dated 16th
July 1945.

15-8-45

Major *3801*
S.I. Italian Increment.
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Subject:- Italian Unit Maintenance Inspectorate Reports.

TO: SOREME HQ MMIA

Unit Maintenance Inspectorate,
(1st Vaha. Sect.), 2 District,
o/o DIME., HQ., 2 District, C.M.F.

2D/UMI/63 12-8-'45.

Would you kindly forward the enclosed to: Italian War Ministry
~~of the Italian Unit Maintenance Inspectorate~~ as requested in our letter reference
2D/UMI/63/2 dated 16 July 45.

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Chapman Capt.
HQ., U.M.I., A.F.H.Q.

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Subject: Italian Unit Maintenance Inspectorate Reports.

TO: MMIA. SO RENE

Unit Maintenance Inspectorate,
(B' Vehs. Sect.), 2 District,
c/o DIME., HQ., 2 District, C.M.P.

2D/UMI/63 11-8-'45.

Would you kindly forward the enclosed to The Italian War Ministry
~~of the Italian Unit Maintenance Inspectorate~~ as requested in our letter reference
2D/UMI/63/2 dated 16 July 45.

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Chapman Capt.
HQ., U.M.I., A.F.H.Q.

Send similar letter to War Min. Refer
to last letter not July 27

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Subject:- Italian Unit Maintenance Inspectorate Reports.

TO: SO. REME . HQ NMIA

Unit Maintenance Inspectorate,
(13' Vehs. Sect.), 2 District,
o/o DIME., HQ., 2 District, C.M.F.

2D/UMI/63 9-8-45.

Would you kindly forward the enclosed to: Stefan von Munster
~~of the Italian Unit Maintenance Inspectorate~~ as requested in our letter reference
2D/UMI/63/2 dated 16 July '45.

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Chapman Capt.
HQ., U.M.I., A.F.H.Q.

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Subject :- U.M.I. Reports.

Land Forces Sub Comm.

A.O. (M.M.I.A.)

ROME

EME/1405

11 August 45.

To : Dir.Gen.Artig e Motorizzazioni.

Ministry of War.

1. Further to our letter EME/1405 dated 27th July 45.
2. Herewith further reports on Unit M.T. Maintenance,
for necessary action by you.

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[Handwritten Signature]

Major R.A.O.O.
for R.E.M.E. Branch,
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.O.(IMIA)

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SUBJECT : U.M.I. Reports.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
EME/1405.
10 Aug'45.

To : Dir.Gen.Artig e Motorizzazione,
Ministry of War.

1. Further to our letter EME/1405 dated 27 July'45.
2. Herewith further reports on Unit M.T.Maintenance,
for necessary action by you.

[Handwritten signature]

Major R. B. P. C.
for R.E.M.E. Branch.
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.(MMIA)

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Subject:- Italian Unit Maintenance Inspectorate Reports.

Unit Maintenance Inspectorate,
('B' Vehs. Sect.), 2 District,
o/o DENE., HQ., 2 District, C.M.F.

TO: SO. RENE. HQ MMIA

2D/UMI/63 5-8-45.

Would you kindly forward the enclosed to: Ministero della Guerra
of the Italian Unit Maintenance Inspectorate as requested in our letter reference
2D/UMI/63/2 dated 16 July '45.

Philipson Capt.
HQ., U.M.I., A.F.H.Q.

*Other enclosures of
forwarded*

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