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R+R Organisation - Sicily

Opened Mar 3, 1945 - Closed June 12, 1945

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

TO: M.E.I.A.

REF: 12117/21

DATE: 12 June 1945

SUBJECT: Repair and recovery service in Sicily.

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Sgd. CASATI

Minister.

O. Danin Cpl.

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Roma, 12 GIU. 1945

Ministero della Guerra

Alla LAND FORCES SUE COMMISSION
A.S. (M.E.I.A.)

Direz. Gen. Art. e Motorizzazione

= ROMA =

TRANSMISSIONE

Servizio Motorizz.

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Servizio riparazioni e recuperi in Sicilia.-

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3°) - Per quanto sopra esposto e nella considerazione: che le esigenze del servizio riparazioni in Sicilia sono notevoli, in quantochè

la quasi totalità degli automezzi a disposizione dei Comandi Militari proviene dal ricupero; che gli automezzi in organico sono appena sufficienti per garantire i numerosi servizi e che una riduzione di essi, per cause di inefficienza, pregiudica seriamente l'espletamento di importanti e spesso inderogabili esigenze, specie di quelle connesse con l'Ordine Pubblico, servizi di guardia, rastrellamento mine, ecc; si propone la costituzione di:

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- b) - un Magazzino Ricambi a disposizione del Comando stesso per garantire la continuità delle riparazioni, evitando di far capo a Roma - presso il Magazzino Centrale;
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(A. CASATI)

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(A. CASATI)

Al Parlati

COPY TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

To : M.M.I.A.

Ref: 12117/21

Date: 12 June '9 45

Subject : Repair and recovery service in Sicily.

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2. Similarly, the insufficiency of the means of transport at the disposal of the said Territorial Command does not permit of arranging for the recovery of a large quantity of M.E. material still scattered around the island, and therefore exposed to ever increasing deterioration because of being exposed to the inclemencies of the weather, in addition to being subject, not being under surveillance, to spoilation on the part of persons not in the Military Administration.

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- (a) A repair Unit with a war establishment to be 4500 men, at the Palermo Territorial Command.
- (b) A Spare Parts Store under the command of the same Command in order to guarantee the continuity of repairs, avoiding the necessity of continually applying to Rome, at the Central stores.
- (c) Two Recovery Detachments, one for Western Sicily and the other for Eastern Sicily.

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Copy to Palermo Mayor 16 Jan 45.
Sgd. CASATI
Minister.

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C.P.C.

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Subject: Italian MT in Sicily.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
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7 June 1945.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC
(M.M.I.A.)

1. With reference to the recent visit of Major Kyle to Palermo, as a result of conversation with Major Long, the following points are noted:

A. REPAIRS

1. Personnel of units are at present employed on light repairs, the remainder of repairs being carried out by civil contracts under control of the Director of Repairs.
2. A very considerable quantity of spares is in Sicily. Cased spares are being sent to Central Stores in Rome; the remainder are being systematically sorted and a stores established in Palermo.
3. In order to bring in to line with the remainder of Italy it is recommended that a small Repairs unit be formed, by regrouping existing personnel of units under an officer with experience of the present repairs organization; to carry out the following functions:
 - a. Repair of Unit Vehicles.
 - b. Operation of MT Stores and despatch to Central MTSD
 - c. Quality and Technical control of MT Repairs under civil contract.
4. Alternatively, these functions could possibly ~~be~~ *451* *ried* *No* out by a detachment of 4 Reparto Riparazione.

B. 11 C.T.A.

1. This company is below W/E, but is being made up locally as vehicles become available. Windshield tickets have not all yet been issued, and are being issued to these allotments.

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2. It is understood that the question of the W/E of this unit has been taken up with your HQ.

C. 37 Sezione Ambulanza.

An allotment of 6 more ambulances is urgently required, no vehicles of this type being available in Sicily for replacement.

D. C.C.R.R.

19 vehicles of the Italian Army are at present still on loan to C.C.R.C.; action is being taken for their return.

E. GENERAL.

Vehicle and repairs potential in Sicily is generally good with the exception of ambulances and tyres; these latter are now being supplied by Central Stores, Rome.

write four.

George D. Smith, Jr.
GEORGE D. SMITH, JR.
Lt. Col., Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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→ AD37.

1. Ref att. ^{171.171} units authorized to hold left in Sicily are as follows:-
Authorized w.F. (left)

	<u>M.C.</u>	<u>P.V.</u>	<u>L.C.</u>	<u>O.V.</u>
Aorta Island Security Unit	49	12	87	2
Sabande " "	49	12	87	2
No 11 Admin V.H. Coy	10	5	66	-
No 36 Ambulance Car Section	1	-	-	8
	109	29	240	12

2. The position of a repair unit, large & open depot in R.E.M.E. matter. As regards a P.V.E. since there are only 4 units with left on the island, I think it would be a complete waste of manpower.
3. Suggest we say No to 4 (h) & have compensation to Q2 who will no doubt want to refer to R.E.M.E. re paras 4 (a) & (b)?
- 1 May 95
- Alfred G. H. 2.1.1

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Translation.

From:- SMC.
To:- MM/18.

Rf:- 0/2555/Sno.
Date:- 30 May 45.

Subject:- M.T. Services in Sicily.

1. In accordance with the situation which has been checked upon in the island, the majority of military vehicles existing in Sicily, are salvaged vehicles.

2. Therefore, these vehicles often break down and require overhauls, replacement of spare parts or tyres which cannot be found in the market.

3. Moreover, it is to be added that the number of cars and lorries on charge to Palermo Territorial HQ and its depending units is so small if we consider:-

- the requirement of units located in the island.
- the requirement of the Artillery Service to which we had to add also the clearing of mine fields.
- the political situation of the island that could be met with only by fast movement of troops from various garrisons.
- the difficulties met by civilian workshops of the island.

4. Considering the above and with a view to eliminate all inconveniences and secure for Palermo Territorial HQ the vehicles required to carry out these duties, we propose to form in Sicily and in the same way as done in other Territorial HQ:-

- a) a repair unit with adequate equipment for the repair of all vehicles of the island. I + civilian 4500
- b) an efficient vehicle park NO
- c) a Tyres and Spare Parts Depot ✓

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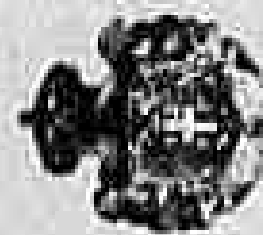
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- c) a types and spare parts Dept ✓

We beg you to inform us on your decisions.

(sgd) G. K. 10/2/21

Q2. *C. F.* *Agree that ST 1006*
we say NO to 4(R)
Handwritten signature

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

UFFICIO SERVIZI

Sezione Automobilismo

N. 64855/Servizi prot.

Risposta al foglio N.

P. M3800. li 30 Maggio - 1945

del

Allegati

OGGETTO: Servizio automobilistico in Sicilia.-

FRANCAVILLA

ALLA

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. - (M.M.I.A.)

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In relazione a quanto sopra, allo scopo di eliminare ogni inconveniente ed assicurare al Comando Militare Territoriale di Palermo gli automezzi necessari per lo svolgimento dei compiti di pertinenza, si propone di costituire in Sicilia, a simiglianza di quanto già attuato presso gli altri Comandi Militari Territoriali:

- a) - un reparto riparazioni, con adeguata attrezzatura, per riparazione di tutti gli automotomezzi esistenti nell'Isola;

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- b)- un parco autoveicoli efficienti;
- c)- una sezione magazzino di gomme e di parti di ricambio.-

Si prega comunicare le decisioni che in merito verranno adottate.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- Giorgio Linzi -

Linzi

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ADDRESSEE
- Giorgio Luzzi -
P. Luzzi

Requoting representative of Toni de Lencastre

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Subject :- Repairs Workshops for Sicily.

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
EME/1506

15 August 45.

Dir.Gen.Artig e Motorizzazioni.

Ministry of War.

1. Reference your 15197 dated 23 July 45 and following verbal conversations (Major Taylor-Col Balanzino).
2. The question of the formation of a Repairs Unit in Sicily is being considered together with the wider scheme of the re-organisation for the whole of Italy.
3. It is felt that whilst final approval is awaited it would be advantageous to investigate the availability of the machinery required and make arrangements in order that it can be collected quickly when the Repairs Unit is in the process of formation. It is suggested that the Director of Repairs, Palermo, could hold temporarily any machinery so obtained until the Repairs Unit can take it over.

FGWT/ir

J. W. Taylor
Major R.A.C.C.
for R.D.M.E. Branch,
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.(M.M.I.A.)

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020Subject :- XXI Army Vehicles held surplus to HQ/30 in Sicily. (7)

HQ/30/

R. 44145

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIA)
Rome
Tel. 1. Rome 439001 Ext. 524To :- S.M.R.E., Ufficio Automobili.

1. Senior MIA LO Sicily has reported that the following efficient vehicles are held surplus to the HQ/30 of XXI Army Units in Sicily :-

Motorcycles	4
Passenger Vehicles	17
Lorries	7

The above figures are exclusive of inefficient vehicles, and of the 19 lorries transferred to CC. RR. in Sicily under our HQ/1306 of 17 May 45.

2. Will you please instruct No 11 Territorial Command that the surplus efficient vehicles mentioned above will be disposed of as follows :-

(a) 1 Motorcycle } to remain on the Island.
7 Lorries }

and be held under arrangements of No 11 Territorial Command, for issue as necessary in conjunction with MIA LO Sicily to replace vehicles which have been returned to workshops for large-scale repairs.

(b) 7 Passenger vehicles to be handed over to the Palazzo legion CC. RR.

(c) 10 Passenger vehicles to be transferred forthwith to No 3 R.V.P. Bari, and held there available for issue as instructed by this HQ.

3. Inefficient vehicles will remain on the island until repaired, and when repairs have been completed, particulars should be given by No 11 Territorial Command to MIA LO Sicily, who will apply for further disposal instructions to this HQ.

4. You are requested to report completion of para 2 to this HQ.

WBC/eg

M. M. L. S. S. 4504
for L.A. Col. AME.,
Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIA).

Copy to :- Senior MIA LO, Sicily (ref your HQ/3 dated 23 July)
Internal :- C/2. - HQ/30. MIA LO, E. ITALY.

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Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE DI *Art. H* ORIZZAZIONE

alla LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION AC (MMIA)

= ROMA =

Divisione Motorizz. Art. 1

Let. N. 15822 Allegato
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Risposta al f. del

Gen. Art. 1

OGGETTO Servizio riparazioni e recuperi in
Sicilia.-

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REME

- 1°) - Riferimento foglio REME 1506 del 17 corrente.-
- 2°) - Particolari richiesti nei paragrafi 3 e 4 della lettera di cui all'oggetto, già trasmessi in data 23 corrente con dispaccio n° 15197/011341 di questa Direzione Generale.

P. IL MINISTRO
(Gen. P. G. Properzi)

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Gen. Properzi

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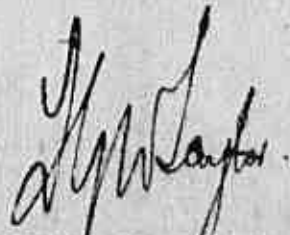
Subject:- Repairs facilities in Sicily.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROME
EME/1506
17 July 45

Dires. Gen. Art. e Motorizzazione
Ministry of War.

1. Reference our EME/1506 dated 26 June 45.
2. May we be advised please whether the particulars asked for in paras 3 and 4 of this letter can now be forwarded?



Major R.A.C. 2502
for R.E.M.E. Branch,
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA)

PWGT/fr

Copy to:- MMIA Senior L.O. Sicily.

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LIASON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
% U.S. NOB PALERMO

FILE : MT/11

SUBJECT: Repairs Facilities

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA), ROME

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25 June 1945.

1. Reference your EME/1506 same subject, dated 16 June 45.

2. The undersigned agrees with the recommendations made by the Ministry of War in their letter 12117/21 dated 12 June 45. An Army workshop capable of performing major third and fourth echelon repairs to all types of motor vehicles is most urgently needed. The location of this shop should be in Palermo. The present system of sending vehicles in need of repair, to civilian work shops is highly unsatisfactory, from the point of view of expense, time lag and inferior workmanship. Two recovery units in the island are just as equally needed as the workshops. I recommend that one unit be located in Catania and one in Palermo. The Spare Parts store is now set up in Palermo and is being stocked with spares from the Caltanissetta warehouse and reclaimed parts. No definite organization of personnel to operate this store has been established however and I suggest a War Establishment of two Officers and a complement of OR's sufficient to receive, issue and account for all spares in Sicily.

Homer E. Long
HOMER E. LONG
Major CMC
L O Sicily

B/F July 21.

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~~ADST~~

Do you agree that
this covers the points?

My W. Bayle

Yes that seems ok ^{Mays} ~~True~~

for

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Subject : Repairs Facilities in Sicily.

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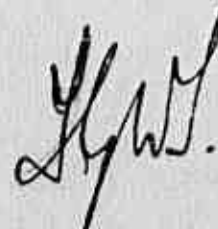
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26 June 45

Directorate Generale Artiglieria
& Motorizzazioni,
Ministry of War.

1. Reference your 12117/21 dated 12 June 45 and further to our LME/1506 dated 15 June 45.
2. We wish to confirm verbal arrangements made by Lt.Col. PENROSE ADST of this Headquarters, during his visit to Sicily with the Chief of Staff of N°11 Territorial Headquarters, Palermo.
3. A list should be submitted to this Headquarters as soon as possible showing the total amount of machinery required for the proposed Repairs Unit, and the amount held at present.
4. In addition, a proposal as to the number of personnel required should be submitted.
5. On receipt of these recommendations we will advise you of our decisions on this matter.



Major R.A.C.C.

for R.A.C.C. Branch

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C. (M.H.I.A.)

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Copy to : MMIA Senior L.O., Sicily.

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It. Col. J.W.R. PENROSE,
o/o MMIA Senior Liaison Officer,
NAPLES.

Further to telephone conversation (It. Col. PENROSE -
Major TAYLOR) herewith copy of translation of the letter from
the War Ministry.

A copy has also been sent to MMIA Senior Liaison
Officer, Sicily.

FGWT/ero

J. W. Taylor
Major R.A.O.C.
for R.E.M.E. Branch,
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA) 4499

Subject : Repairs Facilities.

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
EME/1506
16 June 45

MMIA Senior Liaison Officer,
Sicily.

1. Reference the attached copy of letter 12117/21 dated 12 June 45 from the Ministry of War.
2. It is felt that an Army Workshops is required, but we should appreciate your views on the formation of the units as suggested in this letter.
3. Will you please let us have your recommendations as soon as possible, in order that we may advise the Ministry of our decision?

FGWT/erc

16/6/45

J. W. Taylor
Major R.A.O.C.
for R.E.M.E. Branch
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA) 497

Subject : Repair and Recovery Service in Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
RME/1506
16 June 45

Direzione Generale Artiglieria
• Motorizzazioni,
Ministry, of War.

1. We acknowledge receipt of your letter 12117/21 dated 12 June 45.
2. This matter is being carefully considered and our decision will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

FGWT/ero

J. H. Taylor
Major R.E.A.C.C.
for R.E.A.C.C. Branch,
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.(MMIA)

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Was Have 2 P/A in 5MB/1507

Subject: - Reorganisation of VII-VII MT Units and Vehicle Allocations/Supply

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Lead Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIA)., RMF.
Tel: Rome 499084 EXT 506.

1 Mar 45.

To: L.C. Lead Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIA)., Sicily.

Copies: Ufficio Autentico, SEM.
Divisione Tecnica Motorizzazione, Ministero Guerra. } one copy only in English version.
DUELL, MIA HQ
G(EM), MIA HQ
MIA HQ File 52/1001

1. The subject of ME/MS for VII-VII MT Units and holdings of Italian Army Vehicles by VII-VII units has been examined recently between this HQ and Italian War Ministry.

2. In the case of Sicily the following MT units and vehicle allocations have in consequence been authorised:-

(a) No 11 Territorial Administrative Transport Company (Company 11111111)

Authorised Strength: 140 All Ranks
10 Motorcycles
5 Staff Cars
66 Landcruisers (Autobuses and Trainers if any count as Landcruisers)

The function of this unit will be to operate in future a pool of transport for the essential administrative requirements of the permanent Italian territorial command in Sicily. Vehicles will be assigned to branches and units forming part of Company Palano by Vehicle Service of the command either on day-to-day basis or for longer periods as may be judged advisable. The Company should include a small repairs section.

(b) No 11 Territorial Repairs Directorate (Company 11111111)

Authorised Strength: 6 All Ranks

In the case of Sicily (where no separate VII-VII Repairs Unit is provided for) the function of the Territorial Repairs Directorate will be to deal with distribution of repairs work to civilian garages and other miscellaneous MT matters of a technical character, recommending procedure, recovery of Italian Army vehicles from unauthorised holders etc.

1. The subject of MI/TM for VII-VII MI units and holdings of Italian Army Vehicles by VII-VII units has been examined recently between this HQ and Italian War Ministry.

2. In the case of Sicily the following MI units and vehicle allotments have in consequence been authorized:-

(a) No 11 Territorial Administrative Transport Company (Comando PALERMO)

Authorized
Strength: 140 All Ranks
10 Motorcycles
5 Staff Cars
66 Loadcarriers (Autobuses and Trailers
if any count as Loadcarriers)

The function of this unit will be to operate in future a pool of transport for the essential administrative processes of the permanent Italian territorial command in Sicily. Vehicles will be assigned to branches and units forming part of Comando Palermo by vehicle service of the command either on day-to-day basis or for longer periods as may be judged advisable. The Company should include a small repairs section.

(b) No 11 Territorial Repairs Directorate (Comando PALERMO)

Authorized
Strength: 6 All Ranks

In the case of Sicily (where no separate VII-VII Repairs Unit is provided for) the function of the Territorial Repairs Directorate will be to deal with distribution of repairs work to civilian garages and other miscellaneous MI matters of a technical character, requiring special procedure, recovery of Italian Army vehicles from unauthorized holders etc. The Directorate should not be concerned with the allotment of pool transport, which should be handled by the Ufficio Service of the command.

(c) 2 Regional Security Divisions

Authorized
Vehicles
Strength: (each Division) 49 Motorcycles
12 Staff Cars
87 Loadcarriers
2 Motor Ambulances (Autobuses and Trailers
if any count as Loadcarriers)

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(d) Authorized Car Strengths

Authorized
Strengths

1 Officer
17 ORA/MS
1 Motorcyclist
1 Loadcarrier
12 Motor Ambulances

Vide this HQ Letter N/34/765 of 26 Feb 45.

(e) Authorized Realities

Authorized to retain any present vehicle holdings until further notice except that 24 Loadcarriers sent by Italian Army should be dealt with as instructed in this HQ Letter N/34/765 dated 2 March 45.

(f) Italian Army Intelligence Administration

Authorized to retain any present vehicle holdings until further notice.

It is requested that you will take action to bring IRI-III AF units and vehicle holdings by other IRI-III units into conformity with authorized strengths as para 2 not later than 26 Mar 45. (This HQ Letter N/34/765 to Ministry of War dated 22 Feb 45 also refers). On completion please furnish to this HQ Lists by Targa Nos of vehicles retained against authorized N/34/765 by the units as specified.

As a further result any or all of the following may become available:-

- (a) Efficient vehicles surplus to authorized holdings
- (b) IRI-III AF personnel surplus to authorized N/34/765
- (c) Inefficient vehicles probably worth repairing
- (d) AF Scrap suitable only for disposal by sale.

Please make whatever arrangements are practicable for concentrating personnel and material as para 4, and report results to this HQ in due course in order that disposal instructions may be issued. In particular information as complete as possible under para 4(c) is essential for determining future dispositions.

F. J. N. N. N.
(F. J. N. N. N.)
Col.
D. A. H.

Authorized to retain any present vehicle holdings until further notice.

3. It is requested that you will take action to bring ILL-III MT units and vehicle holdings by other ILL-III units into conformity with authorized strengths as para 2 set later than 26 Mar 45. (This is letter 22/24 to Ministry of War dated 22 Feb 45 also refers). On completion please furnish to this HQ lists by Targa Nos of vehicles retained against authorized 22/20 by the units as specified.

4. As a further result any or all of the following may become available:-

- (a) Efficient Vehicles surplus to authorized holdings
- (b) ILL-III MT personnel surplus to authorized 22/20
- (c) Inefficient Vehicles probably worth repairing
- (d) MT Scrap suitable only for disposal by sale.

5. Please make whatever arrangements are practicable for concentrating personnel and material as para 4, and report results to this HQ in due course in order that disposal instructions may be issued. In particular information as complete as possible under para 4(c) is essential for determining future dispositions.

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F. J. N. Paul
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