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BR. ITI SERVICE UNITS
VEHICLES

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5391/2 PMET/3-44

Army Form C348
(List of 100 in duplicate)

MEMORANDUM

To

Date

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~~MR~~ CAPT. BURTON

Lueders 726

205 Group HQ

Loggia MAF

205 p.m. / 100 bitsch

Node Exchange. Flying Control

I 6 Searchlight units to be moved to same
4 straight tow
2 suspended tow

Tractors at Bari. ?? 4995

① Vehicle and Trailer? light? hal.
② What repairs are required?

Lueders 586 Lueders Bangs

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SUBJECT: Italian Transport - Discipline.

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Revised

7th BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING
UNIT, R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: AQ/17/7

10 August 15.

To: H.Q.
Home Area Allied Command.

Copy to: (For information)
H.Q.
Land Forces sub Comm AG (MCA)

Further to my letter AQ/17/1100 dated 31 July 15
Major Delwood, D.A.D.M.E., has now returned and I attach
copy of his report on the Workshop organisation at R.T.C.,
I.C.F.

Thorn

Colonel.
Commander 7th British Liaison &
Training Unit HQ HQ

MB/ah.
Internal.
Major Bradley.
File.
Mont.

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SUBJECT: Transport - Workshops.

'F' BRITISH LEADON & TRAINED HIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: R224/

9 August 45

To: Commander,
'F' B.L. & T.U.

Reference your AG/17/1100 dated 31 July 45.

1. In view of the critical state of the transport of the R.T.C., I.C.F. the following Workshop policy is being implemented:

- (1) The extent of work undertaken is being limited to 1st and sometimes 2nd Echelon repair. There is a tendency for "base overhaul" jobs to be undertaken, resulting in a considerable expenditure of man hours on one job, to the detriment of several other vehicles.
- (2) Vehicles beyond these facilities are being backloaded to 638 L. of G. Workshops for 3rd and 4th Echelon repairs.
- (3) Inspection of all the vehicles off the road (V.O.R) is being carried out with a view to getting the simpler jobs completed without delay.
- (4) A local source of spare parts supply will be utilised to facilitate the rapid repair of these vehicles, but this will not replace the normal system in operation for acquiring spares for stock, and is only to cover this emergency.
- (5) The deficiencies in hand tools have been met by vouching over of Vehicle Mechanic Kits complete, from a local source.
- (6) The need for a culling of spares for vehicles in the R.T.C., I.C.F. to be held by Workshops, is most marked and this matter is in hand.

(Signed) J. Bellwood 4992

Major R.E.M.E.
D.A.D.M.E.

JB/ah.

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Subject:- Searchlight Lorries.

REME

Liaison Office,
Land Forces, Sub Comm.,
A.C.(MMIA) 3 District.

Ref. 3DLC/52.

2 August 45.

To:- HQ.MMIA.

Ref your EME/1513 of 20 July.

1. I saw Col.DAL FIUME on 2 Aug, and he informed me that he was under the impression that my predecessor had placed the rail bid for transporting the five unserviceable S/L lorries to No 1 Repairs Unit on HQ.MMIA.
2. I instructed him to place the bid through the correct Italian channels forthwith.

P/A 1513

Cornell Maj.
MMIA LO 3 District.

Copies to:-

227 Div.
820 Italian S/L Pn.HQ.
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MEUP V ADOS NR 14 QVR 1

FROM ORD BRIT AFHQ 021100B

TO 1 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD

INFO MMIA

QQX GR-- BT

DOS.10/10/17(3) (.) RESTRICTED (.) ISSUE TO SECOND ADDRESSEE WHO

WILL COLLECT (.) TUBES 700 X 16 NEW QTY TWO (.) RELEASE NO ORD37R1148

BT

SENT NR 14 LAM B

ENTER 11513

P/A Brit
R Service

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACHED CITE PRCT

281726 Z

TO : MEIA
DISTONE

CONFIDENTIAL

INFO: DISTWO
DISTH RRR

REF: FX 29305

REFERENCE YOUR SD/2864 OF 26 JULY (*)

1 (*) ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR ISSUE OF SPARE
PART DIRECT TO ITALIAN UNITS (*)

2 (*) AGREE DISBAND FORTHWITH NUMBERS 1 AND 2
GENERAL TRANSPORT COMPANIES (*) DISTONR

PLEASE STATE LOCATION FOR DISBANDMENT

SD DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: SD/6/2

INFO : A
Q (Two)
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REME

JV 30 July 45

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA

DATE TIME
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TO : AFHQ

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DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
DISTONE FOR MMIA LO NE ITALY
MMIA LO MILAN
FLORENCE CITY COMD FOR MMIA LO
60 SUB AREA FOR MMIA LO
PENBASE (LIAISON SECTION) FOR MMIA LO
OC BR CADRE 802 BRD ORVIETO

REF : SD 2864

REF YOU LETTER AG 091.711/111 GCT-O DATED 22 JUL (.)
ONE (.) MAINT OF BR VEHs FROM ITALIAN RESOURCES NOT
PRACTICABLE (.) REQUEST NO CHANGE FROM PRESENT SYSTEM
OF MAINT OF VEHs NO 3 G T COY BY S & T OF BR FMN BY
WHOM COY IS ADMINISTERED (.) TWO (.) NOS 1 AND 2 G T
COYS NO LONGER REQUIRED BY THIS HQ AND UNLESS REQUIRED
BY BR FMNS RECOMMEND DISBANDMENT SOONEST

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED _____

INTERNAL:

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FILE : REME _____
SD/6/2

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PlA
Built Repair Services

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SUBJECT : Canteen Lorries

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
EME/1513
25 July '45.

To : Ministry of War
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato.

1. Reference your 05772/135 dated 17 Jul '45.
2. The three American vehicles do not normally carry spare wheels. Since they have twin wheels it is always possible to use one of these on another wheel in case of emergency. Necessary repairs can be carried out by U.S. Workshops, and any help required would always be given by our Liaison Officer at P.B.S. or 5 Army on request.
3. In the case of the three British vehicles, the Hq of the employing Admin Division can request the supply of spare wheels and tools through the appropriate employing British formation. In this case also any help required will be given by our Liaison Officers with the Divisions.

FCWT/aja

Internal : Welfare.

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

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I suggest that you reply
to this to the Ministry of War
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato.

25 July

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Col Rose has ruled that we cannot issue passes to American vehicles. They have two rear wheels and can always jump home. They can contact Vans Rite or Clark if struck.

In the case of the British vehicle application should be made by the JIC HQ to ADOs of the British formation for back wheels and tools. Will you reply to the Min or shall we?

R. E. B. Smith

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Translation

From : MOW
To : MMIA

Ref : 0577/135
Date : July 17, 1945

Subject : Allied vehicles for mobile canteens.

The English and American vehicles which were placed at MMIA's disposal for transformation into mobile canteens are all without spare wheels and vehicle tools.

The units to which the six canteens were issued complain of these missing items and point out that for the continuous service performed by the canteens the issue of the spare wheel is necessary.

We beg MMIA to issue orders to the effect that the a/m vehicles are to be completed with the missing parts.

(Sgd) Brig. Gen. Tomassia

Cpl. VDC

~~Wet~~

When are these canteens working?

REME

- 227 Admin Sec - 1 Br. col
- 228 " " - 1 " "
- 209 " " - 1 " "
- 210 " " - 2 " "
- 212 Commands - 1 " "

Col. Rose investigating position of U.S. Vehicles

Verbal - 14 Aug 45



P.M. 7:00, 11

Luglio 1945

Ministero della Guerra

All LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
(M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

[illegible]

Risposta al Foglio del

Dim. 1/2

OK

OCCERTO : Automezzi alleati per le cantine mobili. --

[illegible]

Gli automezzi Inglesi ed Americani, messi a disposizione di codesta Sub Commission, per la trasformazione in cantine mobili, sono tutti sprovvisi delle ruote di ricambio e delle dotazioni di attrezzi dell'automezzo.-

I reparti, cui le sei cantine sono state consegnate, lamentano queste mancanze e fanno notare che, per il continuo servizio espletato dalle cantine, la fornitura della ruota di ricambio è essenziale.

Prego codesta Sub Commission voler dare disposizioni affinché gli automezzi suddetti vengano completati delle parti mancanti.--

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA
(G.C. Tamassia)

Letourneau

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(date 18/2)

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IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA  
(G.C. Tamassia)

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Subject : Searchlight Lorries.

Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E  
EME/1513  
July 45

MMIA I.O.,  
3 District.

1. Further to our letter EME/1513 dated 3 July 45.
2. The five vehicles in question have not yet been received at No.1 Repairs Unit.
3. Has Col. Dal Fiume arranged the necessary rail bid referred to in our letter EME/1513 dated 19 April 45?

R  
20/7/45

*J. M. Taylor*

ROME/ere

Major R.A.C.C.  
for R.E.M.E. Branch.  
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) 4984

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Subject : Tyres for Searchlight Lorries.

Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A. C. (M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E  
RM/1513  
20 July 45

Directorato Generale Artiglieria  
e Motorizzazioni,  
Ministry of War.

1. Reference your 14319/C9511 dated 11 July 45.
2. Permission cannot be granted for the tyres to be handed direct to the unit.
3. It is agreed however, that the vehicles cannot be presented to the Workshops.
4. To overcome the difficulty, a representative of No.2 Repairs Unit should inspect the vehicles at their present location and, if the vehicles are authorised vehicles with a Windshield label, and he is satisfied tyres are required, he will arrange to have the tyres fitted by No.2 Repairs Unit to the vehicles at their present location.

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20/7/45  
Major R.A.O.C.  
for R.E.M.E. Branch,  
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C. (DMIA)

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Dis Gen. Arty & Motorzazhene  
Min. of War

FME/513

Subject: Tyres for searchlight beams

1. Reference your #310/09511 dated 11 July 45.

2. Permission cannot be granted for the tyres to be handed direct to the unit.

3. It is agreed, however, that the vehicles cannot be presented to the Workshops.

4. To overcome the difficulty, a representative of No 2 Repairs Unit should inspect the vehicles at their present location and, if the vehicles are authorised vehicles with a windshield label and he is satisfied tyres are required, he will arrange to have the tyres fitted by No 2 Repairs Unit to the vehicles at their ~~present~~ present location.

Majors RAO

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### Fahrtbefehl<sup>1)</sup> Nr. \_\_\_\_\_

Kraftfahrzeug<sup>2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

WH \_\_\_\_\_

von der \_\_\_\_\_

(einzel. oder Feldpostnummer<sup>3)</sup>)

Fahrer: \_\_\_\_\_

meldet sich am \_\_\_\_\_ um \_\_\_\_\_ Uhr \_\_\_\_\_ Min.

in (Ort) \_\_\_\_\_

Straße \_\_\_\_\_

bei: \_\_\_\_\_

zur Fahrt von: \_\_\_\_\_

nach: \_\_\_\_\_

vorgeschriebene Fahrstrecke \_\_\_\_\_

Zweck der Fahrt<sup>4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Die Fahrt erfolgt kostenlos  
gegen Bezahlung

(Unterschrift, Dienstgrad u. Dienststellung)

<sup>1)</sup> Art und Jahressat angeben.

<sup>2)</sup> Truppenkette mit Feldpostnummer tragen nur diese ein.

<sup>3)</sup> Der Zweck ist eindeutig anzugeben. Die Eintragung „Dienstfahrt“ ist verboten.

10 WH. Hugo Ronke, Berlin W 62.

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Translation.

From Mr. of W.

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To Mr. L. A.

Date 11 July 45.

(Ref to verbal agreement between Mr. CALVERLY and Lt. ZAMPARINO)

Subject: Type & quantity request for mobile

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Searchlights

The 9th Eng. Reg. depot has repaired the optical parts of 2 mobile searchlights complete with trailers, but can not consign them to M.A.A.F. troops, owing to the lack of the following types and quantities

Mobile searchlight design no R.E. 89.

4 Types and 6 quantities 32x6

Mobile searchlight design no R.E. 75

8 Types 8 quantities 32x6

Owing to the impossibility of ~~supplying~~ <sup>reporting</sup> the 2 A/N Mr. S/H, to the 2 repair unit, we beg you to kindly authorize ~~us~~ <sup>the</sup> exception of the grant of the A/N types without the prescribed presentation of the form.

24th

Major Miles

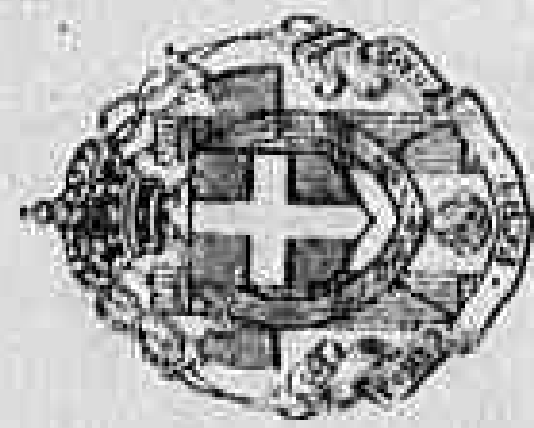
Gen. P. G. Pardo-Luzi

25/7/45

This would appear to be yours.

RHMK

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Hahly  
10/7



Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE SUPERIORE SERVIZIO TECNICO DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE  
DIREZIONE GENERALE INIZIATIVA E MOTORIZZAZIONE  
- Divisione Motorizzazione Sezione 2 -

No 14340 in prot.  
C.G.G. E.T.O. : richiesta coperture e camere d'aria per autostazioni fotoelettriche.

P.M. SAGO, LI 17 LUG 1945

Sig 12/17  
= R O M A =

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.J. (M.M.I.A.)  
(Rif. intese verbali tra Mags. CALVELEY e Tel.  
COL. IANMARINO)

per conoscenza:-

ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO  
(Rif. fc II/33951 del 25-6-1945)

= S E D E =

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| TRANSLATION |           |
| IN          | Time 13/7 |
|             | Date 13/7 |
| OUT         | Time 15/8 |
|             | Date 12/7 |

Il Deposito del 90 Reggimento Genio ha riparato nella parte ottica n° 2 autostazioni foto elettriche complete di rimorchio che non possono essere consegnate alla M.A.A.F. di Napoli, per mancanza dei seguenti copertoni e camere d'aria:

- autostazione f.e. targato RE. 89
- no 4 copertoni e no 6 camere d'aria misura 32 x 6
- autostazione f.e. targato RE. 75
- no 8 coperture e no 8 camere d'aria misure 32 x 6

Artiglo

Data l'impossibilità di presentare le autostazioni in parola, al 2° Reparto Riparazioni, si prega codesta Sottocommissione voler autorizzare ~~la~~, in *linea* del tutto eccezionale, la cessione dei suddetti pneumatici senza la prescritta presentazione nell'au-

IN { Time 12/7 Date 12/7 }  
 OUT { Time 1518 Date 12/7 }  
 CONOSCENZA:-  
 COL. IMMARINO  
 COL. MAGG. CHAMBERLAIN e TEN.  
 = ROMA =  
 ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO  
 (Rif. n° II/23951 del 25-8-1945)  
 = S L D E =

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- n° 4 copertoni e n° 8 camere d'aria misure 32 x 6 } *Artiglio*
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- n° 8 coperture e n° 8 camere d'aria misure 32 x 6 }

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*Please translate  
 & return to  
 SMD 725 R 12/5.*

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE  
 (Gen. P. C. Properaj)

*Ala...*

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Subject : Spares for Searchlight Vehicles.

Land Forces 3rd Comm.  
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E  
RM/1513  
20 July 45

Dir. Gen. Motorisations,  
Ministry of War.

1. There are at No.1 Repaire Unit the following two Searchlight Vehicles boy and repair, which were received from FUGGIA :-

Fiat 666 RM 0117  
Fiat 634 RM 047

2. Permission is hereby given for Spares to be removed from these by a representative of Col. Dal Fiume, O.C., 830 Searchlight Battalion.

3. Please liaise with Col. Dal Fiume and make the necessary arrangements.

Major H.A.O.C.  
for R.E.M.E. Branch,  
Land Forces 3rd Comm.A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

RM/1513

Copy to : M.M.I.A. L.O., 3 District - your JML/52 dated 18 July 45 refers.  
Major Baker.

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SUBJECT :- SL Vehs  
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18 Jul 45

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMIA) ROME ✓  
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1. Col DAL FIUME is at present having repaired in NAPLES two SL vehs for eventual issue to the three SL (mob) Pls now working in the RIMINI area since the vehs on these units' charge are not altogether satisfactory.
2. To effect these repairs he requires certain parts which are available at 1 RR, ROME from SL vehs previously brought from FOGGIA area and subsequently BLR'd in ROME.
3. The BLR'd vehs in question are :-  
  
FIAT 666 RM 0117  
FIAT 634 RM 047
4. May authority please be given for these vehs to be cannibalized of the necessary parts by a rep from Col DAL FIUME's HQ.

Major  
MMIA LO  
3 DISTRICT

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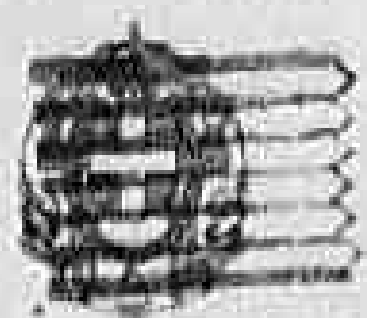
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Roma

13 LUG 1945

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DIREZIONE SUPERIORE  
SERVIZIO TECNICO AUTOMOBILISTICO

Direz. Gen. Art. e Motoriz.  
Div. Mot. Sez. 1<sup>a</sup>  
Tel. N. 44370 Allegati

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB  
COMMISSION A.C. (AMIA)  
= R O M A =

Registrazione del 3-7-45  
Per Te VINE/1513

Oggetto Autocarri per fotoelettriche.-

*Renzi*

Si comunica che le fotoelettriche in-  
dicate sulla lettera in riferimento non sono *Accon-*  
giunte al 1° Reparto Riparazioni.-

d'ordine  
p. IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE a.p.s.  
(Col. G. Balanzino)  
*fancini*

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20/7/45

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P/A 1513 (35)  
FME/1513

Subject:- VEHICLES AND MT SPARES  
FOR BRITISH UNITS.

Lend Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E  
Q/CS/11/6

M.M.I.A. L.O. DEAR EIGHTH ARMY  
" " FIFTH ARMY (for  
" " MMIA LO 231 DIV)  
" " 1 DISTRICT  
" " NV ITALY C/O 2 DISTRICT  
" " FLORENCE CITY COMD.

9 July 45.

Ref: my Q/CS/11/1 dated 13 June 45.

1. Enclosed herewith is a copy of A.F.M.Q. letter AFHQ/8159/2/Q(AE) of 28 Jun/45 giving a ruling regarding supply of vehicles and MT spares to BRITISH units.
2. Please ensure that all concerned are informed of the correct procedure.

*W.A. Madcock*  
W.A. MADCOCK, Major  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Copies to:- MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT  
- your 3 DLO/9 of 3  
July refers.  
MMIA LO PAPLES  
MINISTRY OF WAR  
BT  
RME

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COPY

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Subject:- supply of Brit Vehicles and  
of Spares to Br-Iti Units.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Tele N°Freedom 124

AFHQ/3153/2/Q(AR)

HQ N°1 BA. (21) (3 copies)

28 Jun 45

References your letter 485/3 dated 21 Jan 45.

1. It is not intended that the replacement of Brit vehicles and the provision of Brit M.T. spares for vehicles nominally held on charge by the supervising Brit Cadres of Br-Iti units should be provided by M.S.I.A. as no bulk releases of these items are made to M.S.I.A.
2. It would appear that DOD circular N°167 of 14 Nov 44 and DODOS of 3 Apr 45 have been interpreted to include vehicles and spares in addition to items of clothing and equipment. This is not so, and Ordnance have been requested to amend their circulars accordingly.
3. Accordingly, demands for replacement vehicles of this nature should be channelled through your Headquarters to Q(AR) this Headquarters and M.T. spares demanded direct from AFHQ/DAFOD concerned.
4. In order to comply, however, with the future policy for the equipment of Italian units whereby all the requirements of the Italians will be provided by M.S.I.A. an investigation is now being made with a view to determining if it will be possible for M.S.I.A. to maintain Br-Iti units in transport as well as other items of equipment.
5. You will be advised as soon as any change is contemplated.

WBT/BR

(Sgd) W.D. TUBBS, Lt.Col.  
for Major Gen, G-4 (D)

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MIA) - with copy of letter under reference.

Ord (Br) AFHQ.

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Subject : Searchlight Lorries.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)  
ROME  
EME/1513  
3 July 45

Div. Tec. Motorizzazione,  
Ministry of War.

1. Reference our EME/1513 dated 19 April 45.
2. Will you please confirm that these vehicles have been received?
3. please advise the classification on arrival, and the estimated time which would be taken to repair the vehicles.

*L. W. Taylor*

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

FGWT/exo

Copy to : Major Baker.

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Subject : Searchlight Lorries.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)  
ROME  
EME/1513  
3 July 45

MMIA L.O.,  
3 District;

1. Reference your signal TA 439 dated 30 June 45, and telephone (Thrupp - Taylor).
2. These vehicles were all in need of major repairs, and work on them has been suspended for higher priorities.
3. We understand these five vehicles are not required at present to complete units forming to W.E.
4. The latest position has been requested from Ministry of War.

FGWT/erc

3/7/45  
Major R.A.O.C.  
for R.E.M.E. Branch,  
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA)

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FROM : MMIA LO DISTHREE  
TO : MMIA  
REF : RA 439

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CAN YOU STATE DEGREE OF READINESS OF 5 SPA POTOMETRICHE  
EX ROSIGFAMO

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SD DISTRIBUTION

Action Copy: SD/23  
Info: A  
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10/2/6/45

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- GSO 2 (Ops) ✓
- GSO 2 (SD) ✓
- GSO 2
- GSO 2 (L)
- GSO 3 (SD) ✓
- GSO 2 (Orbit)
- GSO 2 (I)

Received in bad condition and  
requiring major repairs. are we to repair, or not?

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FROM NMIA LO DISTHREE  
TO NMIA  
BT  
TA439 . CAN YOU STAGE DEGREE OF READINESS OF FIVE  
SPA FOTOELTRICHE EX ROSIGNANO  
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TEL. NO. FREEDOM 124

AFHQ/8159/2/Q (AS)

23 Jun 45

Subject: Vehicles For Bri-Iti Service  
Troops

Land Forces Sub Commission AG.  
(V.M.I.A.) ROME

Reference your letter 1/5 dated 16 Jun 45.

1. No instructions have been issued that British vehicles on charge to "Bri-Iti" units should not be replaced from British reserves.
2. "Bri-Iti" units should, therefore, continue to demand replacements of BR vehicles in the normal way.

(sgd) W.B. WEBBER Lt. Col.  
for Major General, G-4 (B)

copy to Reme (for info)

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SIGNAL

FROM: M M I A

DATE TIME  
16 1730 B

TO : DISTHREE

Q/OS/269

RESTRICTED

FOR M M I A L O (.) REF YOUR HM422 DATED  
15 (.) SEE MY Q/OS/11/1 DATED 15 (.) AGREED BRITISH VEHs  
AND BRITISH MT SPARBS. H O T RPT H O T AVAILABLE FROM  
I T A L I A N RESOURCES FOR ISSUE TO BRITI UNITS (.) ROUTING  
MT INDENTS THROUGH WAR MIN AND M M I A UNNECESSARY IF HQ  
DISTRICT ACCEPT THIS CERTIFICATE (.) WILL BE CANCELLED IF  
AND WHEN ITALIAN MT BECOMES AVAILABLE FROM ITALIAN SOURCES

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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EME / 1513

Subject:- MT Stores for Briti Units.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
Q/5/8.

ROME.

17 June 45.

To:-

M.M.I.A.Lo  
3Distict.

Ref your 3DLO/9 of 5 June 45.

The 3 BLR certificates enclosed with your A/Q letter  
are returned herewith duly certified to the effect that  
vehicles and MT stores for maintenance of BRITISH vehicles  
are not available from Italian Army sources.

*F.J. Noakes*

F.J. NOAKES Colonel  
for Major General.  
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:- Q/OS.

ST.  
H.M.E.

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*Remme*

P/A 1513 (26)

FROM: MEMIA TO: DISTRICT 154200B

TO: MEMIA

RE: 422 (.) RE: YOUR Q/OS/11/1 OF 13 AND FURTHER BY EDLO/9 OF 05 (.)  
WHAT IS DONE REGARDING ISSUE BRIT M T AND SPARE SINCE IT IS  
KNOWN A PRIORI THAT ITALIAN THEY HOLD NO STOCKS (.)  
IS ROUTING OF INDENTS THROUGH TERNIN AND MEMIA STILL NECESSARY

*16/6/45*

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Q/OS/11/1

Q/OS/3

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Subject : N.T.C. - I.L.C. Cesano.

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

ROME.

Q/86

7 May, 45.

To : Rome Area Allied Command.

1. Reference your Q242/5/3 April - Engineer Services.  
Your Q242/4 3 May - R.L.W.E. Resources.

2. Since the arrival of a Garrison Engineer to exercise personal supervision over the R.E. work proceeding at Cesano it has been possible to eliminate some of the difficulties which were holding up the work. So far as possible deficiencies in transport for civilian workmen have been made good from Italian resources. A very careful survey of R.E. material not obtainable from Italian sources and necessary for the essential work has been made. It now appears that with the exception of electrical equipment needed for lighting purposes there is no such deficiency. The list of material required is attached at Appendix 'A'.

It is suggested that the Garrison Engineer and the G.O. 2 R.E. this M.O. meet your G.R.E. works to discuss what portion of these stores, if any, can now be released and to consider generally any further assistance which may be required.

3. As regards the repair facilities the future of the B/T/C. at Cesano is uncertain but, for a variety of reasons, principally the non-availability of the necessary tradesmen an expansion of the Italian Army repair units can be expected. The present facilities therefore remain 152 M.E. Platoon with 152 and 153 L.A.D. During the short period between the Garibaldi Regt. receiving their vehicles and receiving orders to leave their present location it is suggested that one L.A.D. be moved to Viterbo.

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*Cherry*  
R.A. CURTIS, Lieut. Colonel.  
for Major-General.  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : P. H. H., 1 A.E.C.  
M.M.I.A. R.E.M.E.  
M.M.I.A. S.O.2. R.E.  
A.P.H.C. (for attention C.A.O.)

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7/2/45

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Appendix 'A' to M.M.I.A. letter  
8/86 dated 7 May, 45.

Electrical Material required for work at Italian  
Army Rft. Centre, ORSANO.

|                                           |       |       |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Lamp holders, screw fitting               | 2,700 | No.   |
| Ceiling Roses                             | 2,700 | No.   |
| Porcelain junction boxes                  | 3,000 | No.   |
| Switch fuses, 250 V. 6 A.                 | 2,700 | No.   |
| Switches tumbler, 1 way                   | 2,700 | No.   |
| Cable, electric, VIR, single, .002 sq. in | 6,000 | Yds   |
| Cords, electric, twin                     | 3,000 | Yds   |
| Screws, round head, 1" x 9 gauge          | 5     | gross |
| Screws, round head, 1 - 1/4" x 6 gauge    | 5     | gross |
| Reflectors, industrial, 15"               | 2,700 | No.   |
| Plugs and sockets 2-pin                   | 200   | No.   |
| Porcelain cleats, 2 groove                | 40    | gross |

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND  
APO 794, US Army

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Q242/4

RHC/af  
3 May 45

SUBJECT:~ Garibaldi Regt., VITERBO.

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

1. Attached herewith is copy letter received from DADME RAAC on the probable effect of the REME commitment for the Garibaldi Regiment.
2. The reduced REME facilities now available in this Command are inadequate to deal with this additional liability, and it is unlikely that further Workshops could be made available by AFHQ for this purpose.
3. It would, therefore, seem essential that immediate steps should be taken to form an Italian Workshop as suggested in the attached letter and it would be appreciated if you could arrange for this to be done.

ALBAN LOW  
Brigadier  
Commander British Troops Rome

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Copy to: AFHQ Q(Maint)

DADME RAAC (Your REME/S/7 dtd 29 Apr 45 addressed to this HQ, refers).

C O P Y

S E C R E T

Subject: Italian Regt. - VITERBO.

Headquarters,  
R.E.M.E. Branch  
Tel: 66513  
& 66514  
REME/S/7  
29 Apr '45

To: A.A. & Q.M.G.  
Rome Area Allied Command.

Lt. Col. SCOTT. M.M.I.A. informed me on Saturday 28 Apr '45 of an Italian Training Regt located at VITERBO, which was about to draw approximately 300 British make vehicles; he enquired into R.E.M.E. facilities to deal with the repair of this transport.

I have received no other intimation that above was to become a R.E.M.E. responsibility, and judging by past experience, I wish to emphasise the following points, of which I have informed Lt. Col. SCOTT.

- a) I have no REME Workshops to spare for attachment.-  
Evacuation of vehicles requiring repair to REME is impracticable, since this would require a number of Recovery vehicles which are not available, and is undesirable in many other respects.
- b) Unless an Italian Workshop is established and ready to function prior to the arrival of these vehicles I foresee a similar confusion to that which exists at CESANO - where approximately 100 vehicles are at present "off road", in spite of about 80 vehicles being recently repaired by 038 L of C. Workshop REME and returned to unit.
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May I have your support please in strongly representing to MMIA the situation which is likely to arrive.

Major.  
D.A.D.M.E.  
Rome Area Allied Command.  
(F.R.P. YOUNG)

Copy to: D.M.E., A.F.H.Q.

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Subject: Searchlight Lorries.

Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C.(M.M.I.A.)  
ROME  
EME/1523  
21 April 45

MMIA L.O.,  
3 District.

Confirming telephone conversation (Majors Tayler - Thrupp).

Will you please investigate the present position of the three Fiat Searchlight Lorries still remaining at Poggia. The following are the main points:-

1. Has Col. Dal Fiume actually towed one to Naples?
2. Is there any possibility of them being repaired locally to save towing?
3. If Col. Dal Fiume can arrange repairs in his own Workshop, we will give every assistance with spares.

*J. H. Tayler*

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

Copy to:  
Capt. Burton,  
MAAF, C.M.F.

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Subject: Searchlight Lorries.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)  
ROME  
RME/1543

21 April 45

Div. Tec. Motorizzazioni,  
Ministry of CA.

1. Partner to our letter RME/1513 dated 16 and 18 April 45.
2. Arrangements have been made whereby Col. Dal Fiume, OC 3 Searchlight Company, will collect the two Searchlight Lorries at present being repaired in No 3 Repairs Unit, Bari direct from the Repairs Unit, with his own unit personnel when the repairs are completed.
3. A similar arrangement will apply also to the two at present being repaired in No 2 Repairs Unit Naples, when the repairs are completed.
4. Authority is hereby given for you to authorize the Repairs Units to release the vehicles to OC 3 Searchlight Company's representative.
5. The urgency of speeding the repair of these Searchlight Lorries is again stressed.

*[Signature]*

Major R.A.O.C.

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*Handwritten signature*

Copy to:  
MMIA L.O. 3 District - to inform Col. Dal Fiume to liaise with the Repairs Units and collect when ready.  
MMIA Senior L.O. Naples.  
MMIA Senior L.O. Bari.

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

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Subject: Searchlight Lorries.

Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C.(M.M.I.A.)  
ROME.  
EME/1513

19 April 45

MMIA L.O.,  
3 District.

Confirming telephone conversation - (Majors  
Taylor and Thrupp).

You are arranging for Col. Dal Fiume to put  
in a rail bid through the Ministry of War, to send  
the 5 Spa Dovunque Searchlight Lorries, at present at  
ROSIGNANO, to N°1 Repairs Unit Via Guido Reni, ROME -  
for mechanical repair of the lorries.

Col. Dal Fiume is arranging the repair of  
Searchlight Equipment as necessary, and for the security  
of the vehicles whilst en-route.

*J. Taylor*

Major R.F.A.O.S.  
R.E.E.S. Branch 957  
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA)

Copy to:

Div. Tec. Motorizzazione, Ministry of War. - Repairs on  
these vehicles to be put in hand on arrival.

Internal:

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*Majors Taylor*

Subject :- Searchlight Lorries.

RAM/1543

18 Apr 45

LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C. (MILIA)

ROME

Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 322

To :- Div. Tec. Motorizations,  
Ministry of War.

1. Confirming verbal conversations to day, the following amendments are made to our RAM/1543 dated 16 Apr 45.

Para 2

A & B. These will be handled exclusively by Col D'Alfiume and you have no responsibility regarding these two vehicles.

C, D, E. We understand Col D'Alfiume is hoping to tow "G" in to his own Workshops in Naples, and will apply for help in repair if and when required.

F. This will be handled exclusively by Col D'Alfiume and will not go to 2 F.V.B.

G, H, I, J. The two being towed by Tractors will now go to No 2 Repairs Unit. These will be inspected immediately on arrival by the Workshops Officer and repairs put in hand immediately. Special urgent demands will be placed on Central M.E. Spares Depot for any spares required. If the repairs are beyond the capabilities of the Repairs Unit they will report immediately to you.

K & L. Your report that these are now in Bari and that a report on progress and Spares required will be put in on Thursday morning. We understand that extensive repairs are required.

2. It is realised that extensive repairs may be necessary on all these vehicles and that the times mentioned in para 1 of our above letter is a target to be aimed at to the utmost of your resources. The actual time of completion will of course depend on the extent of the repairs necessary and the availability of spares. The urgency of making all these repairs top priority is, however, again stressed.

3. Please report progress to this Office on Thursday and Saturday of this week.

*Handwritten signature*

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REX/ag

Copy to:- WGA L.O. 3 District  
" Senior L.O. Naples  
" Transport L.O.  
Capt. Burton MAF.

Internal:- 9/2.

*J. H. Taylor*  
Major RACQ.,  
for REA Branch.  
Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIA)

19/4/45

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Tel-Bari 11458.

Subject:- SPA Searchlight Trucks.

Liaison Officer,  
Land Forces, Sub Comm.,  
A.C. (MMIA).

Ref. LO/18/ AQ.

16 Apr. 45.

To:- 9 Genio, TRANI.

You are authorised to consign to  
representatives of 3 Repairs Unit, BARI, the 2 SPA  
searchlight Trucks at present held by you. Trucks will  
be collected from TRANI on 16 Apr. 46.

*So Donnell Capt*  
Maj.  
Senior MMIALO

Eastern Italy.

Copies to:-

H.Q. MMIA

(Conversation Maj. TAYLOR  
"Capt. O'DONNELL refers")  
3, Repair Unit, BARI.

MOD/agn

P/A in 1513.

*R*  
19/4/45

Major Hare

GR T Wsee W

Work involved on Canton Camp as follows:-

- 1 In case of Dodge Vehicles, there are metal bodies and have to be completely covered in timber. Since there here is preparation of time from the rough. 15  
Expect to complete as follows:-  
1074 28-4-45.  
1074 31-4-45.  
1074 31-4-45.

- 2 American Type Vehicles there are proceeding, all timber having to be prepared from rough. We are cutting out material by machines for these timbers and prepare helped up by putting in another planer & Band. Saw immediately. Work involved in this will take a few days, but extra output will be received.

Excess to complete 1074 10-5-45  
1074 15-5-45  
1074 18-5-45

- 3 There is a lot of work in these Vehicles, - I would like you to approximate how many these Vehicles for approx. Success, without any indication

2 American Type Vehicle these are proceeding, all tanks having to be prepared from scratch. We are cutting out material by machines for these tanks and proper to speed up by putting in another planer & sand. Saw immediately. Work involved in this will take a few days, but extra output will be received.

Expos to complete 1074 10-5-45  
1074 15-5-45  
1074 18-5-45

3 There is a lot of work in these vehicles, & I would like you to appreciate that we have these vehicles for approx 200,000 miles and any indication as to what we require and having had an idea after this time, we have promised them with 1951 as to requirements. This took another two weeks approx. after repeated application. All available labor material is being used flat out to produce these vehicles at E D C. Given.

6-4-45. Work on overtime to  
Complete finished! *[Signature]*

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5 SPA JONUNQUE are at:-

ROSIGNANO

NR. CECINA

5TH OF LEGHORN.

Map of Q 1530 Map 250,000.

in possession of 51 Ligurian Fascist Militia who are  
under command of 3 Spiglit Coy and working with  
Brit RAF Wing VADA.

3 can be towed if brakes OK.

2 have broken springs.

Situated nr. railway

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① Not to go to No 2 E.V.P. ~~✓~~

② 5 Spa Douvique

3 can be towed if brakes OK

2 have broken springs

51 seziane fotokrieste. 4. 3 Sp. Coy

By RAA Wing Yoda.

③ Antelope 666 Fiat — Fiat 634 being towed  
RM 047

2 Vehicles

15 days

Bari

Subject: Searchlight Lorries.

Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C. (M.E.I.A.)  
ROME

24C 1513

16 April 1945

Div. Sec. Motorisations,  
Ministry of War.

Appendix "A" gives the locations and condition of twelve Searchlight Lorries very urgently required for formation on units. It is essential that these are repaired as quickly as possible. It is required in No 2 PVE in seven days; and six in fourteen days.

To confirm verbal arrangements made this morning, the following action is to be taken:-

A & B.

No 2 Repairs Unit to liaise with the Genio work- shops under control of No 3 Searchlight Company and give any help required. When repairs are completed, these must pass through No 2 Repairs Unit to No 2 PVE.

C, D & E

Further particulars of the repair of these are awaited from MAAP and AFHQ. Further instructions will follow.

F.

Arrangements to be made by AMIA LO 3 District for Col. Dal Fiume to deliver this vehicle in efficient condition to No 2 PVE by Saturday April 21.

G, H, I, J.

These are to be transferred to No 1 Repairs Unit Rome under arrangements already made with MAAP. Two are being railed under MAAP arrangements and two are being towed by tractors under AMIA arrangements. These will be repaired as top priority as soon as received at No 1 Repairs Unit. All four are due to leave Poggia tomorrow.

K & L.

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K & L. These are to be collected today certain by No 3 Repairs Unit Bari and repaired as top priority for delivery to No 2 PVE by Saturday 21 April.

Please treat the whole programme as extremely urgent.

*Y. M. Taylor*

Major R. A. C. C.  
R. A. C. C. Branch,  
Land Forces Sub Comd. A. C. C. (MMIA)

Copies to:

- MMIA LO 3 District - to inform Col. Dal Fiume.
- MMIA Senior LO Naples.
- MMIA LO Rome.
- Capt. Burton, MAAP.

Internal Copy:

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Elenco delle stazioni autofototelegrafiche bisognevoli di riparazione parte motore. Le stazioni sono necessarie per la formazione dei plotoni.

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| Tipo di stazione                | Tipo automezzo  | Località ove si trova. | Riparazione occorrenti                                                                                                  | Note                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A Autofoto cm. 150<br>R.M. 056  | Piat 034        | Napoli                 | Piccola riparazione da fare a cura dell'off. fototelegrafici.                                                           |                                                                                                                                  |
| B Autofoto cm. 150<br>R.M. 053  | Piat 034        | Napoli                 | Idem                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                  |
| C Autofoto cm. 150<br>R.M. 047  | Idem            | Poggia (Gellone)       | Prisione bruciata da cambiare.                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                  |
| D Autofoto cm. 150<br>R.M. 0117 | Piat 006        | Idem                   | Cartor rotto, motore sbilanciato.                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                  |
| E Autofoto cm. 150<br>R.M.      | Piat 034        | Idem                   | Revisione di tutto il motore.                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                  |
| F Autofoto cm. 150<br>R.M.      | Piat 006        | Taranto                | In corso di riparazione presso l'arsenale R.M.                                                                          |                                                                                                                                  |
| G Autofoto cm. 120<br>R.M.      | Spa<br>Devunque | Poggia<br>Portofoglio  | Prisione mancante, cambio rotto, giunti rotti, uno spinto che per le abatte, balente anter-autofot<br>dori da riparare. | Gener<br>steri<br>per le<br>autofot<br>a par<br>te vann<br>e ripa-<br>rati -<br>dall'of<br>ficina<br>foto-<br>telettr-<br>icati. |
| H Autofoto cm. 120<br>R.M.      | Idem            | Idem                   | Prisione bruciata, balettre rotte.                                                                                      | 49                                                                                                                               |
| I Autofoto cm. 120<br>R.M.      | Idem            | Idem                   |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                  |

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| C | Autofoto cm. 150<br>R.M. 047  | X | idem            | Foggia<br>(Celone)   | Frizione bruciata da<br>cambiare.-                                                                                                 |
| D | Autofoto cm. 150<br>R.M. 0117 |   | Fiat 606        | idem                 | Cartter rotto, motore<br>sbilanciato.-                                                                                             |
| E | Autofoto cm. 150<br>R.M.      |   | Fiat 634        | idem                 | Revisione di tutto il<br>motore.-                                                                                                  |
| F | Autofoto cm. 150<br>R.M.      |   | Fiat 606        | Taranto              | In corso di riparazione<br>presso l'arsenale R.M.                                                                                  |
| G | Autofoto cm. 120<br>R.M.      |   | Spa<br>Devunquo | Foggia<br>Tortorella | Frizione mancante,<br>cambio rotto, giunti<br>rotti, suo splotto cheper le<br>sbatte, balestre anter-autofot<br>dori da riparare.- |
| H | Autofoto cm. 120<br>R.M.      |   | idem            | idem                 | Frizione bruciata,<br>balestre rotte.-                                                                                             |
| I | Autofoto cm. 120<br>R.M.      |   | idem            | idem                 | Frizione bruciata.                                                                                                                 |
| J | Autofoto cm. 120<br>R.M.      |   | idem            | idem                 | Balestre rotte.-                                                                                                                   |
| K | Autofoto cm. 120<br>R.M.      |   | idem            | Prani<br>9 genio     | Revisione generale<br>motore.-                                                                                                     |
| L | Autofoto cm. 120<br>R.M.      |   | idem            | idem                 | idem                                                                                                                               |

(Ten. Col. Del Fiume Sergio)

Napoli 11.4.1945

Elenco delle stazioni autototeletriche abbinabili di riparazione  
 R.M. motore. Le stazioni sono necessarie per la formazione dei ploni

833 e 834

| Tipologia stazione               | Modello autototale | Località dove si trova | Riparazioni occorrenti                                                                                   | Note      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| A Autototale cm.150<br>R.M. 058  | Fiat 634           | Napoli                 | Piccole riparazioni da fare a cura dell'uff. fotoelettrici.                                              | 1103 5/12 |
| B Autototale cm.150<br>R.M. 063  | Fiat 634           | Napoli                 | idem                                                                                                     | 1103 5/12 |
| C Autototale cm.150<br>R.M. 047  | idem               | Reggia (Celone)        | Revisione bruciata da cambiare.                                                                          | 1103 5/12 |
| D Autototale cm.150<br>R.M. 0117 | Fiat 666           | idem                   | Carter rotto, motore sbilanciato.                                                                        | 1103 5/12 |
| E Autototale cm.150<br>R.M.      | Fiat 634           | idem                   | Revisione di tutto il motore.                                                                            | 1103 5/12 |
| F Autototale cm.150<br>R.M.      | Fiat 666           | Taranto                | In corso di riparazione presso l'arsenale R.M.                                                           | 1103 5/12 |
| G Autototale cm.120<br>R.E.      | Spa<br>Dovunque    | Reggia<br>Tortorella   | Revisione mancante, cambio rotto, giunti rotti, uno spinotto che sbatte, balestre anteriori da riparare. | 1103 5/12 |
| H Autototale cm.120<br>R.E.      | idem               | idem                   | Revisione bruciata, balestre rotte.                                                                      | 1103 5/12 |
| I Autototale cm.120<br>R.E.      | idem               | idem                   | Revisione bruciata.                                                                                      | 1103 5/12 |
| J Autototale cm.120<br>R.E.      | idem               | idem                   | Balestre rotte.                                                                                          | 1103 5/12 |
| K Autototale cm.120<br>R.E.      | idem               | Trani                  | Revisione                                                                                                | 1103 5/12 |

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| R.M. 053                     | idem            | idem                   | idem                                                                                                                      | idem                                                                                                      |
| Autofoto cm.150<br>R.M. 047  | idem            | Bo ggias<br>(Celone)   | Frizione bruciata da<br>cambiare.-                                                                                        | I generatori<br>per le auto-<br>foto a parte<br>vanno ripes-<br>cati dall'ar-<br>fina foto-<br>elettrici. |
| Autofoto cm.150<br>R.M. 0117 | Fiat 666        | idem                   | Carter rotto, motore<br>sbiliato.-                                                                                        | idem                                                                                                      |
| Autofoto cm.150<br>R.M.      | Fiat 634        | idem                   | Revisione di tutto il<br>motore.-                                                                                         | idem                                                                                                      |
| Autofoto cm.150<br>R.M.      | Fiat 666        | Taranto                | In corso di riparazione<br>presso l'arsenale R.M.                                                                         | idem                                                                                                      |
| Autofoto cm.120<br>R.E.      | Spa<br>Dovunque | Bo ggias<br>Tortorella | Frizione mancante, cambio<br>rotto, giunti rotti, uno<br>spinnotto che sbatte, bale-<br>stre anteriori da ripara-<br>re.- | idem                                                                                                      |
| Autofoto cm.120<br>R.E.      | idem            | idem                   | Frizione bruciata, bale-<br>stre rotte.-                                                                                  | idem                                                                                                      |
| Autofoto cm.120<br>R.E.      | idem            | idem                   | Frizione bruciata.                                                                                                        | idem                                                                                                      |
| Autofoto cm.120<br>R.E.      | idem            | idem                   | Balestre rotte.-                                                                                                          | idem                                                                                                      |
| Autofoto cm.120<br>R.E.      | idem            | Trani<br>9 genio       | Revisione generale<br>motore.-                                                                                            | idem                                                                                                      |
| Autofoto cm.120<br>R.E.      | idem            | idem                   | idem                                                                                                                      | idem                                                                                                      |

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(Ten. Col. Bal Fiore Sergio)

X = abito in un'auto  
in Napoli  
Y = abito in un'auto  
in Taranto

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

FROM MMIA  
TO AFHQ ~~XOR~~  
INFO DISTHREE 15 ARMY GROUP

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RESTRICTED

FOR G3 (ORG) (.) REF DISTHREE SD290 10 APR YOUR PX 58906  
12 APR (.) ALL TWELVE SEARCHLIGHT LORRIES REQUIRE OVERHAUL (.)  
FIVE BEING REPAIRED AND WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE NAPLES EARLIEST (.)  
REMAINDER IN FOGGIA (.) SUGGEST THESE BE REPAIRED NEAREST  
ALLIED WORKSHOP (.) SIGNAL CONFIRMATION AND INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM  
WAR MINISTRY REP SHOULD REFER FOR DETAILS

PRECEDENCE

Immediate

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to Mr. Chocina

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Ref our phone conversation  
today.

I have been unable  
to contact Col. Del Fiume but  
I suspect that the 6 vehs  
shipped to Rome by train & rd  
are not incl on this  
list.

If they are, however,  
they must be the SPA DOVONQUES  
vehs marked "X" are  
now under repair in his own  
workshop in Naples - Veh marked  
"Y" is being given a bucket  
vetting by the 4th Navy at  
Taranto.

W. J. M. P.  
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REME/5.

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SUBJECT: Formation of Searchlight Platoons SECRET

Land Forces Sub Com, A.O.  
(M.N.I.A.)  
SD/23  
12 Mar 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

copy to: AFHQ for G3 Org  
AFHQ for AA & C  
MAAF  
3 District  
MMA LO 3 District  
PDS for MMA LO  
OC Brit Cadre 803 BRD

1. Referenced MMA G/3 of 10 February, the authority for the formation of the four Searchlight Platoons referred to has now been received (AFHQ CR/1116/G-1(Br) (Ser 1757) of 6 March). Your 11414/Ord of 6 March also refers.
2. The Units will be designated 831, 832, 833 and 834 Italian Searchlight Platoons. They will be formed at the HQ of the X Engineer Regiment, CAPUA, with effect from 7 March 1945 under the supervision of M3 No 3 District, on M.I. CM/736/1. Copies of this establishment will be forwarded to you as soon as received; it corresponds to that given in our G/3 of 10 February.
3. You are requested to report when all the necessary personnel has been collected at CAPUA. It is confirmed that they may be taken from the following sources:-
  - (a) Disbanded MA and CD Units.
  - (b) Experienced Searchlight personnel

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MMIA LO 3 District  
FBS for MMIA LO  
OO Brit Cadre 803 BHD

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3. You are requested to report when all the necessary personnel has been collected at CAPUA. It is confirmed that they may be taken from the following sources:-

- (a) Disbanded AA and CD Units.
- (b) Experienced Searchlight personnel now held at 802, 803 and 804 Base Reinf. Depots ORVIELO, AFRAGOLA and TRAMIN **2943**
- (c) Personnel already at the barracks of X Engineer Regt.

4. Instructions for the issue of the necessary British vehicles and Unit and personal equipment will be given by HQ No 3 District. Please empower Lt Col Del Fiume to collect the necessary Italian Searchlight Equipment from all Army depots.

5. The future policy with regard to Searchlight Units is as follows:-

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- (a) A Battalion HQ will be formed to administer both 3 Searchlight Company (with Workshop) and 831, 832, 833 and 834 Searchlight Platoons. As the Platoons will be operating separately it is not proposed to insert a Company HQ between the Battalion and the Platoons. A proposed W.E. for this Battalion is now being prepared by MAAR and AA and CD Section APHQ. It is requested that Lt Col Del Piume be the Commander.
- (b) The Battalion duties will include the control of all Searchlight equipment throughout INMIL, and its distribution as required to 3 Searchlight Company and the Searchlight Platoons. The Battalion will also coordinate for 227 Division the training of a 5% reserve of Searchlight reinforcements who will be held at 603 BRD, APRAGOLA.
- (c) 3 Searchlight Company will remain under the command of MAAR. 831, 832, 833 and 834 Searchlight Platoons will be allotted to Army Formations in the Army Area, under the supervision of AA and CD Section APHQ. The new Searchlight Battalion will be under command of 3 District through 227 Division. You are therefore requested to place Lt Col Del Piume at the disposal of 227 Division instead of Military HQ CAMPANA as at present.
- (d) It is proposed to transfer all Searchlight personnel from Category 4 III-III to Category 3 BR-III.

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(d) It is proposed to transfer all Searchlight personnel from Category 4 III-IT to Category 3 BR-ITI.

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*L. M. T. [Signature]*  
for Major General.  
M.M.I.A.

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Subject: Italian VehTpt

*D. B/P for GROT  
(free comm) hand holder in 209 bin  
on follow: MC SC LC  
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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME  
Q/5

24 Mar 45.

MEIA LO 1 District

Reference your letter LO/Q8 dated 16 Mar 45 and signal Q23 dated 17 Mar 45.

1. This HQ's letter Q/5 dated 16 Mar 45 addressed to the Ministry of War, copy to you, outlines the future policy for the maintenance organization of Italian Army vehs. Owing to the fact that there are not sufficient Repair Units available for one to be allocated to each of the Dns separately it has been found necessary for them to be located in the most central position possible as regards the units they have to serve. It is regretted therefore, that it will not be possible for the 38 Officina Mobile Pesante to remain at Maserata. The 209 Div will be based, therefore, on the Florence Det of No. 1 Repairs Unit. *and/or Rome.*
2. Much of the work previously carried out at Maserata will be taken in hand at the heavy repair shop now opening at Terni.
3. Every endeavour is being made to increase the output of "runners" which will be held at the Efficient Veh Park ROME. It is realized that the vehicles at present in use are in many cases beyond local repair and it is anticipated that many will have to be exchanged.
4. It is suggested an MT rep from 209 Div be sent to contact No. 1 R & R Unit Rome when the Transport L.O. now affiliated to that unit will explain the position more fully.
5. A copy of your LO/Q8 of 8 Mar 45 is being sent to this officer.
6. Regarding para 4 of your letter, arrangements are being made by ST this HQ with the Ministry of War for the 38 Officina Mobile Pesante to draw its rations from the DID at Florence.

*Alberty*

R. A. CURTIS, Lt Col,  
for Col, DA & QMG,  
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to ST MEIA } (2 copies)  
Capt Baker } together with 1 District LO/Q8 of 8 Mar 45.  
1 District

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C O P Y

Subject: Scale of Vehicles for 209 Division H.Q.

Liaison Officer,  
Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C. (MMIA)  
o/o HQ., I District.  
Ref LO/Q8.

8 March 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
M. M. I. A. R O M E

1. The present state of vehicles at 209 Division H.Q. is fifteen heavy trucks, nine are roadworthy and six are in wksps for the want of necessary spare parts. There are two 15 cwt trucks, one of which will be off the road for at least a month awaiting spares. They have six cars, only one of which is at present in going order. Of their five m/cs, three are in wksps.

2. The duties of the vehicle tpt of 209 Division H.Q. are as follows:-

- (1) Movement of personnel
- (2) Postal service with ROME, AREZZO, PERUGIA & ANCONA.
- (3) Maintenance of H.Q. troops.
- (4) Distribution to dependent units of repayment cigarettes, clothing, etc.
- (5) Loan of vehicles to any unit which is temporarily without tpt.
- (6) Collecting of wine for welfare purposes and distribution.
- (7) Cars are needed for the officers of the various services at H.Q.
- (8) M/cs are needed for DRs and communications.

3. Main transport difficulties are caused by poor condition of vehicles, many needed spare parts are now unobtainable and others are increasingly difficult to find (eg. a trip had to be made to FORLI to get a spare part), the location of 209 Division units in I District scattered over 3 Areas and the consequently long journeys. The tyre situation is acute and getting worse.

4. I am convinced that none of the vehicles now with 209 Division H.Q. can be taken away. The prime factor is that of any establishment at least 30% is always off the road. A reserve of vehicles therefore to cover this inefficiency of vehicles must be included. To-day, virtually 50% of the HQ Division tpt is not on the road.

sgd. F.A. Bourne, Capt,  
MMIA LO 1 District.

copy to: "Q" I District

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C.S.P.V

Subject :- Maintenance Organisation for Italian Army Vehicles.

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19 Mar 45

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" " 1 District  
" " 3 District  
" " Rear 5 Army  
" " " Brit Incr.  
" " Sicily  
" " Sardinia

For Information.

REME MIA HQ.

1. Further to this HQ letter 2/5 of 16 March.
2. The same channels for M.T. Maintenance and supply of M.T. spares should be applied forthwith to Guard Regt Hqs, Guard Bns, and other ITI-ITI non - MT units for which vehicle holdings have been, or are likely to be, authorized by MIA.

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

Subject: Maintenance Organisation For Italian Army Vehicles  
In Possession of US-ITI and BR-ITI Units.

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16 Mar 45

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Rear 8 Army (for 228 Division)

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MFLA Transport LCOs Rome - Naples/Bari - Terni/Messina - Sardinia

2 copies each

1. Appendix A shows present position reference workshops affiliations for Italian Army vehicles in possession of US-ITI and BR-ITI service units.

2. Vehicles in need of repair work, spare parts, tyres will be presented by units concerned to Repairs Units for examination, as indicated in Appendix (notifying Adm Div HQ concerned for information). If the individual unit is unable to effect physical delivery of the vehicle, Repairs Unit concerned will be notified, and will arrange for its Recovery Section to collect the vehicle.

3. Spare parts will not be issued to units. Vehicles in need of parts will be required to pass into possession of Repairs Units as indicated for examination. Demands for supply of Spare Parts from Central MFLA Rome will be transmitted and executed solely through Repairs Unit channels.

4. Tyres will not be issued to units. Vehicles in need of tyres will be required to pass into possession of Repairs Units for examination. Release from local availability of Repairs Unit concerned may take place by authorisation of any MFLA local representative. If sizes required are not available locally, the demand will be countersigned by MFLA representative and referred by Repairs Unit concerned to Divisione Tecnica Motorizzazione, War Ministry, who will refer to MFLA HQ.

5. Workshops officers of Light Workshops and of 1,2,3 ITI-ITI Repairs

1211A Transport LCOs Rome - Naples/Bari - Terni/Messina - Sardinia

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5. Workshops officers of Light Workshops and of 1,2,3 ITI-ITI Repairs Units are the sole authorities empowered to decide whether a vehicle presented to them can be accepted for repair remaining on unit charge, or whether it must be struck off unit charge. In the latter case Repairs Units will in every instance issue receipt for the vehicle to the unit concerned, who will demand for replacement (through the relative Adm Div HQ) on Ufficio Servizi SARE. First echelon Workshops where they exist are responsible for accepting vehicles requiring repairs beyond their own capacity and passing back such vehicles to next higher Workshop.
6. Establishment of 1 Repairs Unit, Florence Detachment will take place in the near future by means of the transfer of the ITI-ITI Repairs Unit at present operating at Macerata.

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*W. J. J. J. J.*  
Colonel,  
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

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Workshops Affiliation For Italian Army Vehicles In Possession of BR-ITI and

| <u>Administrative<br/>Division HQ and<br/>Constituent Units</u> | <u>First Echelon Service</u>                            | <u>Higher Echelon Service</u>                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 209 Division                                                    | None at present                                         |                                                                                                                             |
| 227 Division                                                    | None at present                                         | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence                                                                                           |
| 228 Division                                                    | Light Workshop to be<br>provided shortly.               | 2 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Agnino N                                                                                           |
| 230 Division                                                    | None at present                                         | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence                                                                                           |
| 231 Division                                                    | None at present                                         | 3 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Caserma V                                                                                          |
| 210 Division                                                    | 100 Light Workshop Florence                             | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence                                                                                           |
| 212 Division                                                    | Light Workshop(s) already in<br>possession of Division  | 1 Repairs Unit Rome (ITI-ITI)<br>or<br>2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI-ITI)<br>(according to location of<br>212 Unit interested) |
| 205 Division                                                    | Light Workshop(s) already in<br>possession of Division. | 2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI-ITI)<br>or<br>2 Repairs Unit Bari (ITI-ITI)<br>(according to location of 205 Unit<br>interested) |

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APPENDIX A

Liability For Italian Army Vehicles In Possession of BR-ITI and US-ITI Units

Lower Echelon Service

Higher Echelon Service

Remarks

|                                          |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| present                                  | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detachment                                                                             | 1,2,3 ITI-ITI Repairs Units are authorized to indent for spares not in their own possession on ITI-ITI Central MESD Rome (passing demand through the relative Directorate of Repairs)                                                                                |
| present                                  | 2 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Agnano Naples                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| shop to be shortly.                      | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detachment                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| present                                  | 3 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Caserma VE Bari                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| present                                  | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detachment                                                                             | 1,2,3 ITI-ITI Repairs Units are authorized to apply to Divisione Tecnica Motorizzazione, War Ministry for tyre sizes not in their own possession (passing demand through the relative Directorate of Repairs). War Ministry will refer to MMIA HQ all such requests. |
| workshop Florence                        | 1 Repairs Unit Rome (ITI-ITI)<br>or                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| shop(s) already in Division of Division  | 2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI-ITI)<br>(according to location of 212 Unit interested)                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| shop(s) already in Division of Division. | 2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI-ITI)<br>or<br>2 Repairs Unit Bari (ITI-ITI)<br>(according to location of 205 Unit interested) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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In Possession of US-III and BR-III Units.

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ST MIA HQ (4 copies)

MIA Transport LOs Rome - Naples/Bari - Terni/Messagne - Savinina

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1. Appendix A shows present position reference workshops affiliations for Italian Army vehicles in possession of US-III and BR-III service units.
2. Vehicles in need of repair work, spare parts, tyres will be presented by units concerned to Repairs Units for examination, as indicated in Appendix (notifying Adm Div HQ concerned for information). If the individual unit is unable to effect physical delivery of the vehicle, Repairs Unit concerned will be notified, and will arrange for its Recovery Section to collect the vehicle.
3. Spare parts will not be issued to units. Vehicles in need of parts will be required to pass into possession of Repairs Units as indicated for examination. Demands for supply of Spare Parts from Central MTSO Rome will be transmitted and executed solely through Repairs Unit channels.
4. Tyres will not be issued to units. Vehicles in need of tyres will be required to pass into possession of Repairs Units for examination. Release from local availability of Repairs Unit concerned may take place by authorisation of any MIA local representative. If sizes required are not available locally, the demand will be counter-signed by MIA representative and referred by Repairs Unit concerned to Divisione Tecnica Motorizzazione, War Ministry, who will refer to MIA HQ.
5. Workshops officers of Light Workshops and of 1,2,3 III-III Repairs Units are the sole authorities on matters of 1,2,3 III-III Repairs



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| <u>Administrative<br/>Division HQ and<br/>Constituent Units</u> | <u>First Echelon Service</u>                            | <u>Higher Echelon Service</u>                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 209 Division                                                    | None at present                                         | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence De                                                                                        |
| 227 Division                                                    | None at present                                         | 2 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Agnano Napl                                                                                        |
| 228 Division                                                    | Light Workshop to be<br>provided shortly.               | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence De                                                                                        |
| 230 Division                                                    | None at present                                         | 3 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Caserma VE                                                                                         |
| 231 Division                                                    | None at present                                         |                                                                                                                             |
| 210 Division                                                    | 100 Light Workshop Florence                             | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence De                                                                                        |
| 212 Division                                                    | Light Workshop(s) already in<br>possession of Division  | 1 Repairs Unit Rome (ITI-ITI)<br>or<br>2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI-ITI)<br>(according to location of<br>212 Unit interested) |
| 205 Division                                                    | Light Workshop(s) already in<br>possession of Division. | 2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI-ITI)<br>or<br>2 Repairs Unit Bari (ITI-ITI)<br>(according to location of 205 Unit<br>interested) |

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Allocation For Italian Army Vehicles In Possession of ER-ITI and US-ITI Units

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| <u>Allocation Service</u>                      | <u>Higher Echelon Service</u>                                                     | <u>Remarks</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| present                                        | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detachment                                      | 1,2,3 ITI-ITI Repairs Units are authorized to indent for spares not in their own possession on ITI-ITI Central MTSD Rome (passing demand through the relative Directorate of Repairs)                                                                                |
| present                                        | 2 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Agnano Naples                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Workshop to be opened shortly.                 | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detachment                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| present                                        | 3 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Caserma VE Bari                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| present                                        | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detachment                                      | 1,2,3 ITI-ITI Repairs Units are authorized to apply to Divisione Tecnica Motorizzazione, War Ministry for tyre sizes not in their own possession (passing demand through the relative Directorate of Repairs). War Ministry will refer to MMIA HQ all such requests. |
| Workshop Florence                              | 1 Repairs Unit Rome (ITI-ITI)<br>or                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Workshop(s) already in possession of Division  | 2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI-ITI)<br>(according to location of 212 Unit interested) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                | 2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI-ITI)<br>or                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Workshop(s) already in possession of Division. | 2 Repairs Unit Bari (ITI-ITI)<br>(according to location of 205 Unit interested)   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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Recd 14 Mar.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME  
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14 Mar 1945

To: MMIA LG 1 District.

Reference LG/48 dated 8 Mar 1945.

1. Instructions regarding the maintenance of Italian Army Tpt will shortly be issued by this Hq.

The production and distribution of printed record books and forms is in hand. Units meanwhile should improvise.

2. Tyres will be made available from the "Repair Unit" to which a unit will apply for 2nd line repairs.

Units will apply to nearest "R.U." with copy to their Admin. Div. Hq.

Tyres and certain spare parts being strictly controlled stores will be released by this Hq to the War Ministry to whom application will be made as necessary by the "R.U." concerned.

3. Repair Units organized or in process of organisation and to which all Italian Army Units other than Gruppi will be affiliated are located as under.

- No. 1 - Rome (with det Macerata moving to Florence)
- No. 2 - Naples
- No. 3 - Bari
- No. 4 - Catanzaro
- "Sardinia" R.U. Cagliari.

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R. A. CURTIS Lt. Col.  
for Colonel J. J. J.  
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: 59 Area - ref your 25/12 dated 7 Mar 45.  
ST MMIA

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Subject:

Maintenance Organization  
and Provision of Tyres/Spare  
For Italian Army Vehicles  
In Possession of US-ITL  
and BR-ITL ~~SSA~~ Units

1. Attached is corrected draft  
as discussed with Q2  
on 13 Nov 45 (2 copies).

2. I think it will be  
advantageous to clean the  
position re US-ITL and  
BR-ITL units separately  
in this manner, as it  
makes the position absolutely  
clear to the Admin Divs,  
MICA COS and Allied  
Formations concerned.

Draft approved by  
Q2

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In Possession of US-ITL  
and BR-ITL ~~See~~ Units

1. Attached is corrected draft as discussed with Q2 on 13 Nov 45 (2 copies).
2. I think it will be advantageous to clean the position re US-ITL and BR-ITL units separately in this manner, as it makes the position <sup>43</sup>absolutely clear to the Admin Divs, NNCA LOS and Allied Formations concerned.
3. The procedure for ~~Transport~~ etc for ITL-ITL MT Units and for ITL-ITL Non-MT Units entered bold vehicles

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Roma,



Ministero delle Corporazioni

N. \_\_\_\_\_

Risposta alla lettera

del \_\_\_\_\_

Dir. \_\_\_\_\_

Ses. \_\_\_\_\_

N. \_\_\_\_\_

OGGETTO

Allegati N. \_\_\_\_\_

Riprodurre il \_\_\_\_\_

Indirizzo \_\_\_\_\_

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Allegati N.

Esprimere il

Indirizzo

Ministero da

Sezione da

will be laid down in War  
Planning directive now being  
prepared (of which corrected  
draft is coming over for  
our consideration - in Italian  
- or 15 Jan 45). The latter  
document will therefore be  
able to be issued in the next  
few days - I will arrange  
for ~~the~~ <sup>an</sup> English text to be  
available for consideration by  
you and Q2 before <sup>(the)</sup>  
Italian release their version.

4. If attached can be given

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- on 15 Jan 45. The cover document will therefore be able to be used in the next few days. I will arrange for ~~the~~ an English text to be available for consideration by you and Q2 <sup>(45)</sup> before Wilson's release then version.

4. If attached can be given OK, we will have stencil typed for Q signature.

DeLafune  
D.D.

14 Jan 45

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REF

Subject: - Maintenance Organization for Italian Army Vehicles  
In Possession of US-III and III-III Units.

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To: Ministry of War (for transmission to Admin Div Hqs concerned)

Copies: - L.Os, Land Forces Sub Com A.O. (MITA),

Rear 5 Army (for 210 Division)

Pennsylvania (for 205 and 212 Division)

1 District (for 209 Division)

3 District (for 227 Division)

54 Area (for 230 Division)

Rear 8 Army (for 228 Division)

Britisher Rear 5 Army (for 234 Division)

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1. Appendix A shows present position reference workshops affiliations for Italian Army vehicles in possession of US-III and III-III service units.
2. Vehicles in need of repair work, spare parts, tyres will be presented by units concerned to Repairs Units for examination as indicated in Appendix (notifying Admin Div HQ concerned for information). If the individual unit is unable to effect physical delivery of the vehicle, Repairs Unit concerned will be notified, and will arrange for its Recovery Section to collect the vehicle.
3. Spare parts will not be issued to units. Vehicles in need of parts will be required to pass into possession of Repairs Units as indicated for examination, and power to make occasional exceptions to this rule will be restricted to Workshops officers. Demands for supply of Spare Parts from Central Workshop Room will be transmitted and executed solely through Repairs Unit channels.
4. Tyres will not be issued to units. Vehicles in need of tyres will be presented

1. Appendix A shows present position reference workshops affiliations for Italian Army vehicles in possession of RS-IVI and IR-IVI service units.
2. Vehicles in need of repair work, spare parts, tyres will be presented by units concerned to Repairs Units for examination as indicated in Appendix (notifying Adm Div HQ concerned for information). If the individual unit is unable to effect physical delivery of the vehicle, Repairs Unit concerned will be notified, and will arrange for its Recovery Section to collect the vehicle.
3. Spare parts will not be issued to units. Vehicles in need of parts will be required to pass into possession of Repairs Units as indicated for examination, and power to make occasional exceptions to this rule will be restricted to Workshops officers. Demands for supply of Spare Parts from Central Repair Base will be transmitted and executed solely through Repairs Unit channels.
4. Tyres will not be issued to units. Vehicles in need of tyres will be required to pass into possession of Repairs Units for examination. Release from local availability of Repairs Unit concerned will take place by authorisation of MATA representative. If sizes required are not available locally, the demand will be counter-signed by MATA representative and referred by Repairs Unit concerned to Divisions Section Motorisations, War Ministry, who will refer to MATA HQ.

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5. Workshops officers of Light Workshops and of 1,2,3 IPI-ITI Repairs Units are the sole authorities empowered to decide whether a vehicle presented to them can be accepted for repair remaining on unit charge, or whether it must be struck off unit charge. In the latter case Repairs Units will in every instance issue receipt for the vehicle to the unit concerned, who will demand for replacement (through the relative Adm Div HQ) on Ufficio Servizi SEEL.
6. Establishment of 1 Repairs Unit, Florence Detachment will take place in the near future by means of the transfer of the IPI-ITI Repairs Unit at present operating at Macerata.

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Workshop Affiliation For Italian Army Vehicles In Possession of US-A

| Administrative<br>Division HQ and<br>Constituent Units | First Echelon Service                                   |  | Higher Echelon Service                                                                                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
|                                                        |                                                         |  |                                                                                                                             |  |
| 209 Division                                           | None at present                                         |  |                                                                                                                             |  |
| 227 Division                                           | None at present                                         |  | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detach                                                                                    |  |
| 228 Division                                           | Light Workshop to be<br>provided shortly.               |  | 2 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Agnano Naples                                                                                      |  |
| 230 Division                                           | None at present                                         |  | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detach                                                                                    |  |
| 231 Division                                           | None at present                                         |  | 3 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Caserma VE Bari                                                                                    |  |
| 210 Division                                           | 100 Light Workshop# Florence                            |  | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detach                                                                                    |  |
| 212 Division                                           | Light Workshop(s) already in<br>possession of Division  |  | 1 Repairs Unit Rome (ITI-ITI)<br>or<br>2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI-ITI)<br>(according to location of<br>212 Unit interested) |  |
| 205 Division                                           | Light Workshop(s) already in<br>possession of Division. |  | 2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI-ITI)<br>or<br>2 Repairs Unit Bari (ITI-ITI)<br>(according to location of<br>205 Unit interested) |  |

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Area Affiliation For Italian Army Vehicles In Possession of RI-ITI and US-ITI Units

| Service                                                               | Higher Echelon Service                                                                                                   | Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Present                                                               | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detachment                                                                             | 1,2,3 ITI-ITI Repairs Units are authorised to indent for spares not in their own possession on ITI-ITI Central MTHD Base (passing demand through the relative Directorate of Repairs)             |
| Present                                                               | 2 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Agnano Naples                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Workshop to be added shortly.                                         | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detachment                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Present                                                               | 3 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Caserma VE Bari                                                                                 | 1,2,3 ITI-ITI Repairs Units are authorised to apply to Divisions Technic Motorisations, War Ministry for tyre releases as required, (passing demand through the relative Directorate of Repairs). |
| Present                                                               | 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detachment                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Workshops Florence }<br>Workshop(s) already in possession of Division | 1 Repairs Unit Rome (ITI-ITI)<br>OR<br>2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI-ITI)<br>(according to location of 212 Unit interested) | War Ministry will refer to MIA HQ in each case.                                                                                                                                                   |
| Workshop(s) already in possession of Division.                        | 2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI-ITI)<br>OR<br>2 Repairs Unit Bari (ITI-ITI)<br>(according to location of 205 Unit interested) |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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