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FROM: Ministry of War

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SUBJECT: Organisation of the M.T. Repairs Services in
the Bologna area.

The transfer to the Italian Army of a large number of Allied vehicles of the Infantry Divisions (about 5000 vehicles) calls for the organisation of a large repairs workshops, employing about 800 - 1000 workmen and of a productive capacity of 350 - 400 general overhauls monthly, and of a 7th.adequate Spare Parts Store.

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These directives amplify the previous ones, of a technical nature, issued by the Motorisation and Artillery Directorate General of this Ministry, the last one being circular no. 29200/DM of the 15th. December 1945.

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1) - The 6th. Repairs Unit will return to being the O.A.R.E. and will hand over to the new repairs unit which must be formed :

- a) - its name : 6th. Repairs Unit.
- b) - a nucleus of 20-30 former specialists, for the staffing of the workmen of the unit being formed.

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These workmen will be withdrawn, if necessary, by the O.A.R.E. within six months - one year, i.e., after they have trained the workmen of the new 6th. Unit in the methods and principles prevailing at the O.A.R.E.

c) - technical storemen group for the Unit Stores of the 6th.

Repairs Unit, which is being formed.

d) - the necessary machine tools which are not eventually handed over by the Shell Factory and the fundamental workshops tools (trestles, work benches, sets of spanners, etc.), at least partially and completing them later, drawing them, if possible, from the SEPRAI workshops also.

e) - the greater part of the Italian spare parts held in store.

The O.A.R.E. will be, for the Allies, the "Italian Base Workshop".

2) - The 6th. Spare Parts Store, remaining at its present location, will issue to the 6th. Repairs Unit practically all its spare parts of Italian production (as mentioned above in letter e) and will organise itself to receive Allied spare parts (as mentioned in circular 29200 of 15.12.45).

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3) - A Wrecked Allied Vehicle Park must be set up in the Bologna area, to which all the broken down vehicles requiring major repairs (3rd. and 4th. class), of the Infantry Divisions, will be sent as soon as possible.

The most propitious area is that of the old Budrio vehicle Depot (and this must be aimed at). This however, not being possible for the moment, the park could be set up in the ex S. Felice Depot, or in any other place - and as soon as possible.

4) - The 6th. Repairs Unit which is being formed will be set up in the premises of the ex Army Shell Factory.

The premises are those which have also been selected by the English Commission (Lieut. Col. Blunt and Capt. Stocker), i.e.: the shed between the central avenue and A Avenue (suitable for

working on 60-70 vehicles, the joiners workshops, forge and machine tool workshops, etc (sheds Nos. 121, 122, 123, and others as they gradually become available).

Machine tools - will be supplied by the Army Shell Factory in respect of general machinery, of any type necessary for M.T. repairs works.

The O.A.R.E. will supply - direct, or by means of urgent purchase, - the specific machine tools for repairs works; valve and valve seating grinders, welding apparatus, cylinder and crankshaft rectifiers, etc.

Tools - special M.T. tools will be supplied, as mentioned in para. 1 letter d), by the O.A.R.E., which must make speedy arrangements for same and for issue either direct or by purchase.

Personnel - As previously mentioned (No. 1.D) these will be supplied, as far as skilled workers staffs are concerned, by the O.A.R.E., in order to be able to organise working immediately.

The workmen will be drawn as follows:

- mechanics, smiths, joiners, painters, lathe operators and machine operators in general, sheet metal workers, welders, ordinary storemen etc., from the workers of the ex Shell Factory;
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5) - The 6th. Repairs Unit must have a unit spare parts store, taking over, as mentioned in para.2, practically all the stocks for Italian vehicles held by the 6th. Spare Parts store.

It will be, therefore, a store of some size which will demand a clear organisation.

To this end the O.A.R.E. will cede a certain number of technical storemen (see para.1 letter c).

The premises for the Store will be set up in the same Shell Factory.

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6) - The Commanding Officer of the 6th. Repairs Unit will be Lieut. Col., M.T. Corps, PINCELLI Federico.

Other officers, expert in M.T. works, will be assigned by this Ministry as soon as possible.

Staff personnel, including administration personnel, who are eventually in excess at the Rear Party Office of the Army Shell Factory can definitely be taken over by the 6th. Repairs Unit, to carry out duties similar to those carried out before.

7) - The Army Shell Factory, as stated in orders already issued, will no longer exist except as a Rear Party Office of the artillery establishment for the settling up of left over war matters, administered by the Bologna Artillery Directorate.

The workmen, machinery, and equipment, will pass to the 6th. Repairs Unit which will make use of them to form, with one part, the M.T. Section, and with the remainder, the Mechanical Section. This Ministry may entrust various tasks to the latter, which will in any event continue in the completion of those already being executed by the ex Shell Factory.

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9) - The group of workmen at present employed on the fitting up of cartridges will be under command, for all effects, of the Rear Party Office and will be administrated by the Bologna Artillery Directorate.

10) - The Noceto Shell-charging workshops, for which negotiations are in course for cession to private industry, will be subject to orders which will be given later.

For the time being it will be under the command of the Shell Factory Rear Party Office.

11) - The specialist workers of the ex O.A.R.E. who may still not be absorbed, will be so absorbed, without fail, by the new organisation of the O.A.R.E. and the 6th. Repairs Unit.

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Tali operai verranno ritirati, se del caso, dall'O.A.R.E. entro sei mesi-un anno, e cioè dopo che avranno indirizzato le maestranze del nuovo 6° Reparto con i metodi e i criteri in vigore all'O.A.R.E.;

c) - un nucleo di magazzinieri specializzati per il costituendo Magazzino di Reparto del 6° R.E.;

d) - le macchine utensili necessarie che eventualmente non fossero cedute dal Pirotecnico e le attrezzature fondamentali d'officina (cavalletti, banchi da lavoro, serie di chiavi, ed estrattori, ecc.) almeno parzialmente, salvo a completarle in un tempo successivo, traendole se possibile anche dalle officine della SEPRAI;

e) - la maggior parte dei ricambi italiani esistenti in magazzino. L'O.A.R.E., sarà, per gli Alleati, la "Italian Base Workshop".-

2°) - Il 6° Magazzino Ricambi, continuando a restare nella attuale sede, cede al 6° Rep. Rip. quasi tutti i suoi ricambi di produzione italiana (come detto sopra - lett. e) e si organizza per ricevere i ricambi alleati (come detto nella circ. 29100 del 15/12/1945).

Risultano inteso che, data la necessità di raggiungere risultati corrispondenti a quanto si desidera, il 6° Mag. Ricambi deve agire alle dirette dipendenze dell'O.A.R.E..-

Per i locali si varrà di quelli occupati attualmente, e di quelli della vicina Caserma Tagliamento, che saranno messi a sua disposizione.

3°) - Nella zona di Bologna dovrà essere sistemato un parco autoveicoli Alleati, cui dovranno affluire al più presto tutti gli autoveicoli delle Divisioni di Fanteria, richiedenti la grande riparazione (3° e 4° classe).-

La località più indicata sarebbe il vecchio deposito autoveicoli di Budrio (e a questo si dovrà tendere). Però, non essendo ciò possibile per il momento, il parco potrà essere sistemato nell'ex deposito di S. Felice (Via del Chià), e in altro posto qualsiasi - e al più presto.

4°) - Il costituendo 6° Reparto Riparazioni sarà sistemato nei locali dello ex Pirotecnico R.E..

Locali - sono quelli individuati anche dalla Commissione inglese (T. Col. Hunt e Cap. Stocker) e cioè: il capannone sito tra il viale centrale e il viale A (idoneo per lavorazione di 60-70 automezzi) i laboratori di falegnameria, forgie macchine utensili, ecc. (fabbricati n° 121 e 122 e 123 del viale centrale e altri che non sono di rendesegro liberi).

Macchine utensili - Saranno fornite dal Pirotecnico R.E. le macchine generiche, di qualsiasi tipo necessarie per le lavorazioni auto di riparazione.

Saranno fornite dall'O.A.R.E. - direttamente o mediante acquisti urgenti - le macchine utensili specifiche per lavoratori di riparazione: smerigliatrici per valvole e per sedi di valvole - apparecchi per saldature - rettificatrici per cilindri e alberi a gomiti, ecc.
Attrezzature specifiche per lavorazioni auto e dotazione di ferri - saranno fornite, come detto al precedente n°1 lett.D) dall'OARE, la quale dovrà provvedere sollecitamente e con cessione diretta o con acquisti.

Personale - Come detto in precedenza (n°1 - D) saranno forniti dall'OARE i quadri delle maestranze, in modo da poter organizzare subito le lavorazioni.

Gli operai saranno tratti:

- aggiustatori, fabbri, falegnami, verniciatori, tornitori e macchinisti in genere, lattonieri, saldatori, magazzinieri comuni ecc. dalle maestranze dell'ex Pirotecnico;
- motoristi, montatori, elettricisti installatori, pompisti dalle maestranze del Pirotecnico, se ne saranno; da riassunzione, di operai ex O.A.R.E. e da nuove assunzioni.
- la deficienza per ogni categoria, da nuove assunzioni.

5°)- Il 6° Reparto Riparazioni dovrà avere un magazzino ricambi di reparto ereditando, (come è detto al precedente n°2) quasi tutte le scorte per i veicoli italiani del 6° Magazzino Ricambi.

Sarà pertanto un magazzino di una certa entità, che richiederà una chiara organizzazione.

A questo scopo l'O.A.R.E. cederà un certo numero di magazzinieri specializzati (v. n°1 lett/ra c).

I locali per il Magazzino saranno disposti nello stesso stabilimento ex Pirotecnico.

6°)- Il Comandante del 6° Reparto Riparazioni sarà il Ten.Col.del C.A. PINCELLI Federico.

Gli altri ufficiali esperti di lavorazioni automobilistiche verranno assegnati al più presto a cura di questo Ministero.

Il personale dirigente, ivi compreso il personale d'amministrazione, eventualmente esuberante all'Ufficio Stralcio del Pirotecnico R.E., potrà senz'altro essere inquadrato nel 6° Rep.Rip. per svolgervi mansioni analoghe a quelle svolte in precedenza.

7°)- Il Pirotecnico R.E., come da ordini già emanati, non esiste più se non come ufficio stralcio dello stabilimento di artiglieria per la liquidazione delle pendenze di guerra, amministrato dalla Direzione Artiglieria di Bologna.

Gli operai, le macchine e le attrezzature passano al 6° Reparto Riparazioni il quale se ne servirà per costituire con una parte le sezioni automobilistiche e con il rimanente la Sezione Meccanica. A questa ultima potranno essere affidate da questo Ministero commesse varie e in tanto essa continua nel completamento di quelle già in corso all'ex Pirotecnico.

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A questa "Sezione meccanica" saranno assegnati ufficiali del C.Te.A. per la condotta tecnica delle lavorazioni.

8°) - Tutta la gestione del nuovo complesso sarà di competenza del 6° Rep.Rip. che si varrà a tal fine del personale tecnico-amministrativo dell'ex Pirotecnico.

9°) Il nucleo di operai attualmente adibito al riordinamento cartucce dipenderà, a tutti gli effetti, dall'Ufficio Stralcio e sarà amministrato dalla Direzione di Artigl. di Bologna.

10°) - Per il Laboratorio caricamento proietti di Receto, per il quale sono in corso le pratiche per la cessione all'industria privata, verranno dati ordini in seguito.

Per ora, dipenderà dall'Ufficio Stralcio del Pirotecnico.

11°) - Le maestranze specializzate ex C.A.R.E., che non fossero state ancora assorbite, lo saranno senz'altro con la nuova organizzazione C.A.R.E. e 6° Reparto Riparazioni.

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