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Rome 489081 Ext 445

LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (ISCIA) CMP

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20 Dec 46

Ministry of War (by 10)

See 17 Q003/LF

Subject: Standardization of Italian Weapons

It is requested that you please inform this HQ:

(a) the anticipated date by which the following British arms will have been replaced by corresponding Italian weapons and so be available for return to British Depots;

(b) the total quantity of each weapon which will be returned.

(i) Pistol Rev. .38 — 3088

(ii) Thompson S.M.G. — 34183

(iii) Vickers, M.M.G. — —

(iv) Mortars 2 ins. — 910

(v) Mortars 3 ins. — 650

(vi) Mortars 4.2 ins. — 3264

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NORMAN E. VIGER,
Colonel,
Dep Comd.

DGP/jw

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (MMIA) CMF

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MINISTRY OF WAR.

Subject: Soda Ash.

Ref your 86418/1T of 3 Dec 46 para 3.

1. A specimen of Soda Ash has been obtained by this HQ and our L.O. Major BYATT is arranging for its delivery to you.

2. It is reported that a large quantity of Soda Ash is available at No. 2 Sub Depot, 557 E.O.D. and that Col. Constantino of 10 Terr. Command has full knowledge of this.

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Lt-Colonel
AQMG MMIA

Copy to: L.O.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.. REF: 86418/DT

TO: M.M.I.A. DATE: 3 December 1946.

SUBJECT:- Brake oil.

Reference letter 003 Q of 22.11.1946.

1. - A first issue of brake oil has already been made to the 5 divisions on establishment. At the same time the eventual deficiencies were requested from the Territorial Commands.

2. - A further issue is being supplied, and instructions have already been given for its distribution.

3. - Note has been taken of the contents of appendix A) forwarded; we beg you to inform us where we can draw samples of "soda ashes" and what quantity can be placed at the disposal of this Ministry.

sgd. RUSSO
Gen.

R.A.G.

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : Addressees
MMIA (for information)

Ref: 4/3550/Serv.

Date: 26/11/46

Subject: British equipment to be withdrawn from 557 BOD stores. -

1. - According to the information received from Allied Commission the pouches for non-Infantry units to be forwarded to the Infantry Divisions for newly formed units, should be stored in n° 2 Sub-depot (S. Giorgio a Cremano) and precisely in the A 1 Section . In the same Sub-depot, and precisely in the H 1 Section, there are also several thousand barrels of mineral oil for hydraulic brakes (Artillery).

2. - As it appears that the Chief Disposal Officer of the Ministry of Supply has already given his approval to ARAR for the sale of the material stored in n° 2 Sub-depot, we beg the addressees to make a search for the equipment mentioned in the above para 1, as soon as possible, and freeze them and come to a speedy agreement with the local representatives of ARAR for their issue to the Army.

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3. - We beg the General Directorate of Commissariat and Admin. Services to immediately inform the Services Office of the Military Territorial Command of Naples, if someone amongst the officers(detailed by said Directorate to make a search and freeze the items of clothing stored in n° 2 Sub-depot, where there are many items of clothing) succeeds in finding the material mentioned in the above para 1. -

4. - We would point out lastly:
- the sighting instruments for Artillery, which on the 20th inst. had not yet been found (as stated by the Services Office of the Military Territorial Command of Naples) should be found in n° 3 Sub-depot V 5 Section (Lanza palace wing);
- the authorization for the withdrawal of the material from

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n° 3 Sub-depot, will be given by the Chief Disposal Officer within 10-15 days. -

5. - We beg the Military Territorial Command of Naples to forward the report on the result of the search carried out and the equipment found, as soon as possible. -

sgd. Meloni
Col.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W. REF: 83928/29000

TO : Addressees DATE: 23/II/46

SUBJECT: Raw materials required for the maintainance of Allied Arms.

see the Appendix Appendix 2.
Appendix 66

The Ministry, having heard the opinion of the technical personnel, has instructed that the following raw material be used for the maintainance of Allied arms on issue to Italian Units:

I) Anti-freeze oil for small-arms (Oil M.80= oil for light weapons) for the general lubrication of small-arms.-

2) Anti-freeze brake oil for cannons (oil mineral hydraulic buffer) for refilling hydraulic and hydropneumatic recoil buffers of cannons.

3) Special white lubricant (lubricant guns 40 m/m white - Lubricant for A.A. guns). for the mobile parts of the automatic loading mechanism and for the breach- blocks of guns and small-arms.

4) Anti-rust oil (oil C 70 - oil for cannons. for the non painted parts and for general lubrication.

5) Concentrated graphited oil, for the slides, guides, recoil support bands and cradles.

6) Mineral Jelly for ball- bearings, general maintainance and for drum supports.

7) Graphited grease for the stock locking mechanisms. 6853

8) Petroleum (oil mineral burning) for cleaning the various parts of the arms.

9) Cotton waste coloured, for cleaning the various parts of the arms.

10) Rags cotton, for cleaning the various parts of the arms. 7/12/46 RO

11) Flanellette for cleaning the barrels of small-arms.

The technical charatteristics of the above mentioned raw

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material have been defined from original British samples in order to use the most suitable raw material, to be found in Italy, which confirm with the original products so that the selected material can be used without inconveniences.

The attached table shows the various types of raw material required for the ordinary maintainance of arms.

The quantities indicated are the requirments for one month.

The units, on the basis of the number of guns on charge, will inform the Artillery Territorial Directorates concerned of their requirments of the material in question, calculated according to the data of the present circular.

The Arty Directorates will consolidate the various requests of the units.on one single report stating the requirements for three months (including their own requirements) and forward said report on the 10th March, 10th June, 10th September, 10th December of each year to the Ministry.

sgd. The Minister

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DENOMINAZIONE DELL'ARMA	quantitativi delle varie materie prime (1)										
	Olio inoxidante per armi lite	Olio per freni di armi lite	lubrificante bianco secco	olio anti ruggine	olio grafitato tocconato	grasso minerale	grasso grafitato	Petrolio	stracci di cotone lavati	ritagli di cotone	flanelletta di cotone (1)
Pistola a rotazione cal. 0,383			10					40	30	15	8 sez.
Fucile calibro 0, 303			40					80	120	50	8 sez.
Fucile mitragliatrice Bren	100		50	30			20	100	150	75	16 sez.
Moschetto automatico Thompson	20		40	30	10			80	120	50	8 sez.
Mitragliatrice Browing da 0,303 su autoblinda Stanghund	60		50	30	10		20	90	130	75	12 sez.
Mortaio da 2 pollici	50		60	50		100	50	120	200	150	16 sez.
Mortaio da 3 pollici	80		150	150		100	50	200	200	150	
Lancia bombe "Fiat"	20		150	150		100	50	150	300	200	16 sez.
Cannone da 6 libbre		900	350	450	300	300	150	400	400	200	
Cannone da 17 libbre		1200		400	225	300	150	400	400	200	
Cannone da 25 libbre		1200		400	225	300	150	400	400	200	
Cannone da 40 m/m		1000	200	300	300	300	150	400	400	200	

1) - Le sezioni di falnelletta hanno le seguenti dimensioni: cm. 10x5

NOTE -

1) - Per le altre materie prime come preparati per pulire metalli, pennelli, ecc. non zioni specifiche lasciando in facoltà ai vari Enti di farne richiesta, nei quantit indispensabili.

2) - Le quantità suddette sono riferite ad'una arma e s'intendono:

a) mensili per tutti i materiali in distribuzione ai Reparti o correntemente imp mento

b) quadrimestrali per i materiali comunque immagazzinati.

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3) - Per le armi non considerate valgono le quantità corrispondenti a quelle delle ar contemplate nella tabella.-

4) - Per le armi dislocate in zone marine o montane o comunque esposte a condizioni d' e climatiche eccezionali, i quantitativi suddetti possono essere aumentati fin. al nimo del 50 .- E' fatto obblig ai vari enti di contenere gli aumenti - che dovran sere giustificati - nei quantitativi strettamente indispensabili.

5) - Per la manutenzione in campagna delle armi i quantitativi riferiti alle dotazioni ale possono essere aumentati fino ad un massimo del 50 .- Gli aumenti di cui al pre nuaen o quelli del presente dovranno essere pertant cumulabili.
E' fatto obbligo ai vari enti di contenere gli aumenti nei quantitativi strettamente dispensabili.-

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LANDRONCOS SUB COMM, AC (MMIA) GHF

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22 Nov 46

WAR MINISTRY (Dy 16)

Subject: Buffer Oil.

Q006 Parts 1/2

1. It is reported that some Territorial Commands are deficient in buffer oil for artillery equipments.

2. Your attention is drawn to this HQ letter 7/GHD of 18 Nov 46.

It is understood adequate quantities of "service buffer oil" are available.

3. For your information an extract from the "Handbook of Artillery Equipments" is forwarded at Appendix "A".

Specimens of "Tools, sub" may be obtained on request if no desired.

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R.A. Lentaigne
Major General,
GOC, MMIA.

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RAC/ra

Copy to: GHD
MMIA

Appendix "A" to [redacted]A letter 9.005.
dated Nov 46

LIQUIDS.

The liquid officially authorised for use in buffers is hydraulic buffer mineral oil sometimes referred to as service buffer oil.

In an emergency, and as a substitute for hydraulic buffer mineral oil, buffers may be filled with liquid composed of the following ingredients in the proportions shown:-

Methylated spirits, industrial	...	...	...	7 galls.
Distilled water	...	...	...	3½ galls.
Hydraulic buffer mineral oil	...	...	...	½ gall.
Soda, ash	...	...	...	250 grains.

Under peace conditions no other liquids that those specified above will be used as an alternative.

On active service, should the supply of correct liquid fail, any ordinary lubricating oil may be used, and in extreme cases even water may be employed. These alternative liquids may quite possibly cause grave damage to the recoil system if they are retained in the cylinder for any length of time, consequently, every effort should be made to obtain the correct liquid as soon as possible, on receipt of which the emergency liquid should be removed.

In no circumstances whatever should illuminating oils, such as paraffin, kerosene, or explosive oils like petrol, etc., be used.

The liquid must be "dry" and clean, consequently, before using any liquid it should be decanted and strained, particles of dust should be excluded from filling and air-holes, and the whole operation of filling performed with as much freedom from dust as possible.

Oil emptied from buffers must not, except in great emergency, be used again in the cylinders.

The receptacles employed for storing and transporting buffer oil must be proof against the ingress of moisture, and care must be taken to see that the oil is kept thoroughly "dry", that is, quite free from any admixture with water. The presence of water in the oil has a serious effect on the cylinders; every precaution will be taken to avoid any trouble arising from this cause.

For this reason receptacles containing buffer oil are to be carefully handled to avoid denting or damaging them during transport, and they should not be opened until actually required for use, care being taken not to damage the sealing cap, after which if not empty, they will be carefully resealed. Receptacles should not be left out in the open and must not be completely emptied but a small amount of oil allowed to remain in them.

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LAND FOR ES SUB COM, AC (MMIA) CMF

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19. Nov 46

1,3,4,5,7 & 10 BLUs

Subject : Italian Army Maintenance

1. O.C. ("A" Type)BLUs will ensure that a fair share of BLU domestic transport is allotted to services representatives posted or attached to BLUs. This particularly applies to REME officers for whom the addition of one vehicle to the WE was specifically authorised.

2. It is essential that REME officers should be able to visit workshops and units to report on the maintenance of weapons and vehicles to enable you to advise Territorial Commands on these matters.

3. It is also necessary that MMIA HQ should be informed of progress in REME matters. In this connection a general paragraph in your monthly progress reports would be of value, in addition to which particular deficiencies or needs should be brought to notice in a special letter which should give evidence of the steps taken by Territorial Command to rectify them.

W. Pidsley.
Colonel,
Colonel A/Q MMIA.

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TRANSLATION

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

31873.1/15.2

Rome, 11 Nov 46

Dear Admiral,

I assure you that I have informed the Administrations concerned of the opinion expressed by you, following the suggestion of the U.S. War Department, in the note No. 5822/61/EC of 1 October 1946, regarding the procedure for the request of spare pieces for the motor vehicles purchased as surplus material of the American Armed Forces.

Very sincerely yours,

S/Paolo Cappa

Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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"Q" BUCK SLIP

FILE NO Q003

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DATE	SECTION OR SERVICE FROM	TO	ACTION REQUIRED
31 Oct	REME	Q	Ref. folio 35 A. Colonel AVALLONE of Divisione Tecnica of Dir. Gen. Artillery & Motorisation states that manufacture of pullthroughs has been stopped since he considers pullthroughs too fragile for use by Italian soldiers and breakages of pullthroughs in the barrel of rifles etc. are very common. He proposes introducing a telescopic cleaning rod for issue (he says) to each soldier. He states that a sample of this rod is in his office – he has been asked twice this week to let us see it for examination. In spite of this, he has still not produced the rod, which from his description will cost far more than a pullthrough to produce, and the time of production for this rod will be much greater than for a normal pullthrough. In the meantime production of means for cleaning rifles is at a standstill – can you follow up please? We are not known if the telescopic rod will prove suitable in practice. A Blum LT Col 31 Oct 46. 6845
2 Nov.	Q	R/Q	Blum has offered no It is not suitable for issue as the individual cleaning implement I know – Somebody has taken it over to war min, & talked about it WP Col

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Tel: PADUA 22272

G.H.Q., C.M.F.

8159/Q1

29 Oct 46

SUBJECT: Equipment Italian Army

TO: 14ITA

Reference your Q 003 of 17 Oct 46.

1. As stated in this HQ letter of even number dated 16 Sep 46, it has been necessary to demand on UK for the required Identification Lists and they have not yet been received.

2. Hastening action is being taken.

(E.S. ASCROFT), Major,
for Brig i/c Adm.

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Copy to: Ord - Ref our letter 8159/Q1 dated 16 Sep 46. Please take hastening action.

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SUBJECT : Small Arms - Cleaning Materials.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.T.A.
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22. October 1946

TO : 1 B.L.U.

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Ref your G.5/6 of 16 Oct. 46.

Copy of MMRS letter No 4/2943/Serv dated 3 Oct 46 is forwarded herewith for your information.

The letter should be discussed with 1 Territorial Command who should represent the difficulty to the War Ministry.

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R.A. CURTISS, Lt.Col.
A.D.M.G.

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SUBJECT : Ordnance Identification Lists for Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
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17 Oct 46

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TO : G.H.Q. (for Q 1)

Ref your 8159/Q1 of 16 Sept.

May we be informed if these lists are available or if hastening action can be taken.

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

FW/ra

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SUBJECT: Small Arms - Cleaning Materials

1 British Liaison Unit,
G 5/6

16 Oct 1946

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (AC),
A.M.T.A., R O M E

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I wish to bring to your notice the fact that there is a very serious shortage of Pullthroughs and Cleaning materials in this Command. Small Arms are as a result suffering fr m neglected.

The Arsenale, Turin, can manufacture Pullthroughs quickly, and are willing, but have been told by the Ministry of War to cease work on an order for Pullthroughs for the Mantova Division.

May representation be made to the Ministry of War pointing out that the cost of manufacturing a Pullthroughs is noting compared to the cost of a Rifle, and that a large number of British Rifles are deteriorating as a result of neglect.

(Sgd) Illegible

Lt Col, R.E.M.E.
G.S.O. I.

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Can anything be done?
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Was him for consolidated
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system as a result.

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Ce. Olivetti informs that:

SME has received concrete suggestions by all Tow. Commands except one and SME is now considering the suggestions to pick up the best ones and MMIA will be informed shortly on the Matter —

Seen 26 Nov RAC

Cap. Cerquetti
ext. 587 6840

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TO S.O.3	
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FROM : S.M.R.E. Ref: 4/2943/Serv

TO : Addressees Date: 3/10/46
M.M.I.A for info
(Ref your SD/109 dated 10/8
and your Q/126 dated 23/9/46)

SUBJECT: Care and maintenance of arms.

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1. As known, the strength present in corps and units is approximately of 1/3 inferior to that shown in the W/E as the 1/3 of the total strength is being trained at CARs. Consequently 1/3 of the arms in the W/E cannot be distributed and used regularly.

2. In view of the above we suggest two solutions:

a
- in each Formation, reduce several units to skeleton hence the weapons remaining at the Formation;

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b
- disband in each Formation several units to be reformed only in case of mobilisation. In such case the weapons should be stored by the Military Territorial Commands concerned.

3. In the meantime, since members of Allied Military Mission have frequently stated that the cleanliness and general conditions of British equipment and individual weapons on issue are not satisfactory, we beg:

a) The Military Territorial Commands

- to issue instructions immediately so that the care and maintenance of small arms and guns - specially those not used - be brought up to the highest standard as soon as possible;

- study and forward by the 31st inst. concrete suggestions regarding procedures to secure improved conditions in the storing and maintenance of weapons as stated in para 2 above.

b) The General Directorate of Arty and Motorisation

- to confirm and control in units under their command the application of the instructions given in letter 36940/DT dated 8th June 1946 concerning the supply and issue of raw material required for the care and maintenance of small arms and guns.

"Q" Distr.
Copy to: G (Ops & SD)

Sgd. LUZZI - Gen.

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British Embassy,

Rome.

NOTE VERBALE

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and has the honour to request that the Ministry for War, and any other Italian Government Departments concerned, be informed as follows:

Agencies of the Italian Government which have obtained British equipment and motor vehicles for which there are no spare parts available in Italy, have desired to procure replacement parts for maintenance purposes.

As it is desirable to re-establish normal commercial channels of trade between the United Kingdom and Italy with the minimum delay, it is suggested that any enquiries of this nature should be directed through commercial channels, for the purchase of spare parts which are not available from military surpluses in Italy.

Requests for prices and orders for delivery of spare parts should therefore be submitted to the proper United Kingdom manufacturer, employing the appropriate military part number and descriptive nomenclature. The Military Mission to the Italian Army is prepared to give the technical assistance necessary in determining the proper manufacturer, part number and nomenclature to be used in correspondence on this subject.

Rome, 12th October, 1946.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

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Rome. 12th October, 1946.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Palazzo Chigi,
ROME.

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Subject:- Italian Army - Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q.003

8 Oct 46.

To :- The British Embassy
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1. Referring to the conversation between Mr.SIMMONS - Col.PIDSLEY on the purchase by the Italian War Ministry of equipment and motor vehicle parts from Great Britain. I enclose copies of letters which show what has been done in the case of United States equipment.

2. The Italian Army possesses a large amount of British equipment, for which no spare parts are available in Italy.

3. It is suggested that a letter similar in character to "B" attached might be sent by you to the Italian Foreign Office with the request that the Italian War Ministry might be so informed. This Mission is able and willing to give technical assistance in the identification of parts referred to in the last section of enclosure B in the case of British equipment in the same way as P.B.S. does for U.S. equipment.

4. May we have a copy of any communication you make in this matter.

W. Pidsley
Colonel
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

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Ref: 5822/64/EC

1 October 1946

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The reply from the War Department stated that it was desirable for normal commercial channels of trade to be re-established between the United States and Italy, and for that reason it was suggested that your Government should make their inquiries through commercial channels for the purchase of all vehicular spare parts that are not available from Army surpluses in this theater.

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Very truly yours,

Sgd. ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

8/10/46 RG

Dr Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME

Copy to: HQ MTOUSA
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HEADQUARTERS

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

UNITED STATES ARMY

APO 512

In reply AG 400/010 D-O 23 September 1946

refer to

SUBJECT: Supply of Parts for Surplus Vehicles to Italian Agencies.

THRU : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 794

TO : President
The Italian Government
Rome

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FOR THE DEPUTY THEATER COMMANDER:

RALPH O. TILLEY
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Dr Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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FOR THE DEPUTY THEATER COMMANDER:

RALPH C. TILLEY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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Spoke Brig Leach 30 Sep (with Canadian reps)
& he advised on possible course was for
them to signal Canadian London that Canada
was adamant unless W.O. office saw fit to
intervene. This they agreed to do.

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UNCLASS FROM "C" GHQ GEF (.) YOUR UNNUMBERED SIGNAL OF

17 SEP SUBJECT CAPRONI CONTRACT (.) QUESTION HAS NOW BEEN

DEALT WITH BY AFHQ DIRECT WITH MG ALCOH AND DECISION GIVEN IN

OUR C.53038 OF 12 SEP CONFIRMED BY FORMER

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SENT NF 54 U.S. BEDO KKS

Nevertheless Warhim is making a plea with Caproni WP

Seen By GOC

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Spoke Brig H [illegible] (D.M.E.) GHQ
who said (21) mos and
final discussions were
still going on. Told
Hon. London (F.O-W.O)
was in on it.
He will let me know
developments.
Col Hudson told
B.F. 27 Sep
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Ref your 4954 of 13 Sep.

1.Question of annulment cancellation Caproni contract has been considered by chief of staff but regret that due necessity for rapid withdrawal all troops from Milan not possible accede to your request.

2.Also regret not possible to hand over spare parts.Present stocks at Caproni are for bedford and dodge vehicles both of which types are now standard in this theatre and for which spares are in very short supply/ GHQ CMF signal C 63038 addressed MMIA refers.

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Col Hancock (British Embassy) informed by Col A/Q 24/9 bc.

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G.H.Q., C.M.F.

SUBJECT: Ordnance Identification Lists for Italian Army

8159/Q1

16 Sep 46

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission (AC)
MMIA

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Reference your letter Q.003 dated 6 Sep 46.

1. Arrangements have been made by Ordnance for the supply of Identification Lists as requested by you.

2. It has been necessary to indent on UK for these lists, and you will be informed as soon as they are available.

B.A. CATTELL, S/Comd,
for Brig i/c Adm.

19/9/46

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12 September, 1946.

To: The Director General,
A.R.A.R.,
25 Corso d'Italia,
ROME.

Subject: Transfer of Materials to the Italian Ministry of War.

With reference to your DG/RIL/B/26869/5100/34 of 5 September, 1946.

It is desired to inform you that the handover of materials to the Italian Ministry of War is necessarily a transaction to be concluded between yourselves and the Ministry of War.

This Mission undertook to notify MMIA of the approximate dates of handover in order that they could make their plans for obtaining through you materials to meet their requirements. MMIA have accordingly been informed that the handover of 557 B.O.D. has already commenced and that it is the intention to complete transfer of responsibility for custody of the stores to ARAR by the end of this current month.

We would point out, however, that as arranged between this Mission and yourselves, the disposal of the stores contained in 557 B.O.D. will take place as and when we have been able to screen the lists of items for those stores which may be required by the British Government, and that it is our intention to notify you as quickly as possible of those items which may be considered free for your disposal.

Confirmation of this agreement will be greatly appreciated.

A. REED, Lt.Col.
Disposals Officer
for Chief Disposals Officer (Italy).

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cc: M.M.I.A.,

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FOR G H Q REF C 63038 OP 12 SEP 46 STOP

CONSIDER M M I A NEGOTIATIONS WITH WAR MINISTRY TO TAKE OVER CANCELLED PORTION OF R E M E CONTRACT WITH C A P R O N I CANNOT SUCCEED UNLESS ADEQUATE DOCKS AND REQUIRED SPARES PLUS SOME ESSENTIAL MACHINES ARE LEFT ON LOAN BY G H Q STOP AS CESSATION OF CONTRACT DURING LAST THREE MONTHS OF 1946 WOULD THROW SOME FOUR TO FIVE THOUSAND EMPLOYEES OUT OF WORK AND POSSIBLY ENSURE UNFAVOURABLE PUBLIC OPINION YOU MAY CONSIDER IT POLITICALLY ADVISABLE TO RECONSIDER STOP MEANWHILE AM CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS WITH WAR MINISTRY WHO ARE ALREADY IN TOUCH WITH C A P R O N I

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DAQMG

Ref 16.

In view of unsettled state of organisation at Caserta I still think it advisable to send signal as drafted to GHQ.

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// AC signal 4954 of 13 Sep to AFHQ also refers //

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SUBJECT IS CONTRACT FOR OVERHAULED WAR DEPARTMENT VEHICLES BEFORE GENERAL HEAD QUARTERS AND AUXILIARY CARGONI MILAN, GEN CONTRACT MENTIONED HERE BUSY SLANT TWO BASY SLANT THREE THREE FIVE SIX PD

PARA ONE PD PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS REPRESENTED THAT ALTHOUGH THIS REALIZED THAT CONTRACT CAN BE CANCELLED AT MONTHS NOTICE THAT HAD ASSURED FROM LATTER MICK BASY SLANT TWO BASY SLANT TWO THREE TWO TONS OF ADDITIONAL TRUCKS FROM ROGER BASY MICK BASY THAT THE PROGRAMME UP TO DECEMBER THIRTY ONE WAS ASSURED PD THEY POINT OUT THAT CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT BROKE FOUR FIVE AND ZERO NEW OUT OF WORK AND ARE ASKING WHETHER IN VIEW OF THE REPRESENTATIONS OF THIS AND THE PRESENT DIFFICULT TIMES IF THE CANCELLATION CAN BE ARRANGED PD

PARA TWO PD I STRONGLY RECOMMEND EXTENSION OF CONTRACT AT ANY RATE UNTIL NOVEMBER FOUR BUT IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE THAT EVERY FACILITY BE GIVEN TO ENABLE THE MINISTRY OF WAR TO ARRANGE SIMILAR CONTRACT WITH CARGONI FOR CONTINUE ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES PD THIS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE UNLESS ROGER BASY MICK BASY IS PREPARED TO LEAVE A NUMBER OF SPARE PARTS WITH CARGONI FOR USE UNTIL PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH MINISTRY OF WAR PD BRIGADIER MOLT CAPT BRIGADIER LUSE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE SEE ALSO MELA SERVICE QUEEN ONE ZERO FOUR NINE OF SEPTEMBER ONE ONE

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Brigadier.

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CCBBBS UNCLASS (.) FROM Q GHQ CMF (.) YOUR Q1049 OF 11 (.) REGRET

ALL DODGE AND BEDFORD VEHICLE SPARES HELD BY CAPRONI WILL BE

REQUIRED FOR FUTURE MAIN GD VEHS AND ARE BEING BACK LOADED

TO SGB AOD (.) FOR YOUR INFORMATION ALL WD MACHINERY INSTALLED

IN CAPRONI WORKS ~~IS~~ IS BEING REMOVED ON ~~EX~~

EXPIRY OF CONTRACT

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See my draft signal 16 Sep W6824

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DATE	SECTION OR SERVICE FROM	SECTION OR SERVICE TO	ACTION REQUIRED
12 Sep.	Q	A/Q.	Ref (11). Spoke Brig Lawrie who states reply to (10) will be. No spares available as those in question are being sent to Australia and/or UK. Have informed L.O. who will warn War Div. RAC See (14)

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NOTES O.. MEETING HELD AT MMIA ON 11TH S.. 46 Q.003

(12)

SUBJECT:- Contract CAPRONI - RMME

Present

M.M.I.A.- AQMG
ADME

CAPRONI:- Ing.Eugenio FARGION (Technical Director of the firm "Aeroplani CAPRONI of Taliedo,MILAN)
Ing.Roger TROBITZ (Commercial Director of the firm "Aeroplani CAPRONI of Taliedo, MILAN)
Dott. Carlo PERRONE (Director of "CAPRONI" - Rome Branch)

Ing.Fernando MAZZACURATI (Director of "CEMSA" - CAPRONI ELETTRO-MECCANICA SA.OF Saronna,MILAN)

1. Mr. FARGION explained how this contract, drawn up and signed on the 11th.March 46, which CAPRONI were given to understand at the time , would in all likelihood be of 12 months duration was suddenly cut short as at 4 Oct 46.

2. This, he said, would throw some 4,500 to 5,000 workmen out of work, a fact which at this juncture of political uncertainty and labour strife in N.ITALY, would certainly tend to make matters worse.

3. He pleaded that something be done to enable the CAPRONI WOrks to carry on, at least until the end of the year, when the programme for 1947 would begin, which would provide work for all their personnel.

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8. Summarising the discussions, the picture thus presents itself :-
(1) That the Firm of CAPRONI is anxious to continue the repair of British vehicles.
(2) That they hold considerable stocks of spare parts which belong to REME.
(3) The War Ministry have, waiting for repair, sufficient Dodge & Bedford vehicles to keep the Firm going till approx.Dec 46.

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(4) That they now await some practical proposal from the Ministry of War which MMIA will endeavour to bring about at an early date.

9. AQMG was handed copy of the contract.

12 September 1946

N.B.- Since the foregoing notes were typed AQMG spoke (by phone) to Brig. LAURIE (Q Branch AFHQ) who stated that the spare parts now with CAPRONI will shortly be shipped to AUSTRIA for the repair of Allied vehicles in that area. They are therefore NOT AVailabe for repairs to vehicles of the Italian Army.

It now remains for the War Ministry to discuss with CAPRONI the possibility of this Firm undertaking work for the War Ministry, making the spare parts themselves.

A/Q to see Rec Dec 15

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A/Q to see

RDC Dec 15

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SUBJECT:- Vehicle Repair.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
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11 September 1945

TO : AIROPLANE CARGOTI S.A.,

COPY : War Ministry
A.C. (for Exec. Comm.)
Internal ROME

In confirmation of to-days meeting this sub Commission undertakes to examine the possibility of negotiating a contract for the repair of Dodge and Halford vehicles the property of the Italian Army.

They will approach the War Ministry and invite them to contact you direct at the earliest possible date with a view to work commencing on the 4th. of October.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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SEE 14/15/16 [illegible]

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R.A.Cunningham

[illegible] Lt. Col.,

Ref telecon BRIG LUSH / AQMG.
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Copy of this Signal and copy of the CAPRONI contract taken by Sgt Ward to Brig Lush's office. 16.00 hours 12 SEP 46
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Copy:

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Director of Mechanical Engineering
FROM:
BRIGADIER R.A. HOLT.

D.O./1211. 10 September 46.

Dear Lush,

With reference to your 1/DO/EC of 4 September and further to our conversation on 9th September.

Major Gadsby's letters did give our projected programme until the end of this year and were written on 2 August, one to SARCINO Project which is overhauling engines and the other to the TALIEDO Project which is occupied in overhauling vehicles.

On that date it was the intention to continue the projects until 31st Dec this year, but this intention had to be altered.

On 9th August D.Q.M.G., this HQ. called a meeting to discuss the implecations of a new policy formulated by S.A.C., which had not been made known to me, previously. This new policy called for an accelerated closing up of all installations outside the existing XIII Corps boundary, and, from the R.E.M.E. aspect, the cessation of the CAPRONI contracts in MILAN by 1 Oct.

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(a) The lack of troops for guard duties of small packets of men such as would be left in MILAN and the increasing difficulty in guarding the vehicle dump at MONZA. This vehicle dump existed only for the Caproni Works and nightly raids had been taking place for some time with consequent losses of material.

(b) Due to the rapid run down of forces in Austria, Italy, and Venezia Giulia there were sufficient lorries and engines of the type that Caproni were overhauling to enable the units to 'live on their fat' for many months and so further repaired vehicles were not required.

There were no factors in favour of continuing the contract, except of course to keep Caroni occupied and this could not be considered.

The Statement made by Caproni that some 5.000 hands will have to be laid off during October is not correct. The two projects together employ just over 3,000 and the great majority of these are paid on an hourly basis and are subject to a weeks notice, I do not understand therefore what staff has been'signed on' under the impression that work was continuing until 31 Dec

I attach some notes concerning the numbers employed in the two factories and the amount that have been paid for work done up to the end of July '46. From this you will see that a sum of over half a million pounds

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(b) Due to the rapid run down of forces in Austria, Italy, and Venezia Giulia there were sufficient lorries and engines of the type that Caproni were overhauling to enable the units to 'live on their fat' for many months and so further repaired vehicles were not required.

There were no factors in favour of continuing the contract, except of course to keep Caroni occupied and this could not be considered.

The Statement made by Caproni that some 5.000 hands will have to be laid off during October is not correct. The two projects together employ just over 3,000 and the great majority of these are paid on an hourly basis and are subject to a weeks notice, I do not understand therefore what staff has been'signed on' under the impression that work was continuing until 31 Dec

I attach some notes concerning the numbers employed in the two factories and the amount that have been paid for work done up to the end of July '46. From this you will see that a sum of over half a million pounds Stirling has been spent in what I consider is a direct contribution to the rehabilitation of Italian Industry.

Other benefits Caproni have gained due to our contracts are that the firm is now a going concern and able to enter into direct production on civilian contracts; that we have paid their operatives during the period of the contracts, whereas, had we not done so Caproni would have had to pay the men (or a certain proportion of them) out of Capital.

Other contracts have also been placed with Caproni (quite apart from Taliedo and Cemsa projects) as a result of direct tendering in competition with other firms, for the manufacture of vehicle and engine spares and other items of Ordnance supply which R.A.O.C. could not provide at the time they were required.

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I think you will agree that R.E.M.E. have done Caproni an immence amount of good and it is understandable that they will feel the loss when the contract ends. However some operatives will be employed during October in helping to clear stores and machinery and the method of payment for these services has been agreed.

In view of the reasons given you will also realise that it is not possible to keep on the contracts as the vehicles and engines are not required

I think your suggestion that M.M.I.A. might be able to give similar work to Caproni well worth pursuing, also my own suggestion that the Italian Government might be ablr to place orders for repair of vehicles and engines for ultimate use by civilian firms.

I have dealt with the subject at some length, but I hope I have succeeded in giving you a clear picture of the situation.

Yours sincerely,

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Brigadier M. LUSH, C.B. C.B.E.
H.Q. Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 794
C.M.F.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 1/DO/EC

4 September 1946

I have been approached unofficially by the British Embassy with regards to the cancellation of your contract (ME/2E/3356 of 11/4/46) with Caproni Airecraft Factory at Milan, intimation of which was given to them in your ME.2E.3356 of August 22.

Caproni in their approach to the Embassy make no allegation that the war office or yourselves are acting beyond the terms of the contract in giving them a month's notice under Article 19, but they do represent that on August 3rd by Major Gadsby's letter ME.2E.2329 they were led to believe that a programme of work had been laid down for them lasting until December 31st. They perhaps somewhat naturally took this letter as an indication that the contract was firm until the end of 1946, at least, and as a consequence of the letter made suitable preparation including of course, the signing on of staff, to cover the programme.

Your letter of August 22 concelling the contract has therfore come as an unpleasant surprise to them and will incur, unless they get other work at short notice, the laying off of some 5,000 hands during October.

I have agreed with the British Embassy to bring this to your notice in a demi-official capacity (because until and unless the Italian Government take this up with us I cannot write as from the Commission) and I confine myself now to pointing out the very difficult economic and political situation with which Italy is faced in the North, and the unfortunate impression which will gain ground if it is thought that British military authorities have led Caproni to believe that the programme of work was firm until the end of the year and then break the contract from the begining of the last quarter, thereby increasing the unemplyment figures in Milan at the very outset of what is expected to be a very difficult winter.

Please don't think that I don't realize the difficulty that you must have in reconciling the directives of the War Office with the economic difficulties in this country, which I know are as much your concern as ours. Perhaps some compromise helpful to Caproni's and their workers could be found.

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s/ M.S. LUSH
Brigadier

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Brigadier R.A. Holt,
D.E.M.E., AFHQ
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Aeroplani Caproni

SOCIETA' ANONIMA - CAPITALE EMESSO E VERSATO L. 20.000.000
SEDE E DIREZIONE GENERALE - MILANO - VIA MECENATE, 76 (TALIEDO)

C. P. C. MILANO N. 55681

UFFICIO DI ROMA
LUNGO TEVERE A. DA BRESCIA, 15
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Subject:- Vehicle Repair Programme.

REME Inspectorate,
REME TALIEDO Vehicle
Repair Project, GHQ

To:- AEROPLANI CAPRONI, S.A.

Ref:- 13129
RI/EV/118
Aug.46

Further to my letter RI/CW/18 dated 15 Mar.46, forwarding copies of letters REME/INSP/302 dated 5 Mar. 46 and ME.2B/2923/12 dated 5 Mar.46 from Chief Inspector and DME, GHQ respectively.

1. The attached copy of DME, GHQ letter ME.2A/2921/12 dated 3 Aug.46 is forwarded for your information and action as necessary.

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Major,
Senior Inspector REME Inspectorate,
REME Taliedo Vehicle Repair Project.
(H.C.MACGREGOR)

Mod. 3113 (A 4) (5000) 11-12-XXI

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CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
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FREEDOM 383
ME.2A/2923/12
3 Aug.46

Subject:- 'B' Vehicle Repair -
Programme up to 31 Dec.46

To:- Senior Inspector, REME Inspectorate,
REME Taliedo Vehicle Repair Project, CMF

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Sd. H.D.S. GADSBY, Major;
DADME,
for Brigadier,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

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DDMR, HQ, BTA.
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SI, REME Inspectorate, Adv. HQ, Taliedo, CMF
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SUBJECT:- Ordnance Identification Lists for Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission AG.,
M M I A
R O M E
G.003

6 September 1946

TO : General Headquarters for G.1

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1. To assist the Italian War Ministry in the identification of the miscellaneous stores and spare parts which they are receiving either direct or through A.R.A.P. it is requested that Identification Lists be obtained and forwarded to this H.Q.

2. A list of equipments held is attached at Appendix 'A'. The corresponding Vocabulary Sections required are at Appendix 'B'.

It is understood that these may be obtainable through 500 A.O.D., but failing this it would be appreciated if steps could be taken to get them ex U.K. as soon as possible.

3. A similar request has been submitted through Civ. channels. This HQ G/GS/1 of 31 Aug 46 refers.

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R. A. CURTISS, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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LIST OF BRITISH EQUIPMENT IN POSSESSION OF THE ITALIAN ARMY

Pistol .38

Rifle .303

Thompson M.G.

L.M.G. (Bren)

Mortar 2"

Mortar 3"

Mortar Piat

Signal Pistol

6 Pounder (all marks)

17 Pounder (all marks)

25 Pounder (all marks)

M.M.G. .303

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V.A.O.S. Section required by Italian Army.

SECTION AND SUB SECTION	STORES
B (1	Small arms and their components
(2	Small arms Accessories, Tools and Packages
C (1	Machine Guns, Mountings & Apparatus for Ground service use
(2	Machine Guns & their Apparatus for use in Armoured Fighting Vehicles
E (2	Bridging Equipment
H 1.	Miscellaneous Weapons Bomb throwers 2 in. Flame throwers, Wheeled Mortars Bright 29 mm Ordnance M.L. 2 in Mortar " " 3 in Mortar " " 3 in gun Projector 2½ in. " Chemical
H.2.	Artillery Equipments - Ordnance QF 4.5 in AA gun " " 3.7 in AA gun " " 3 in 20 cwt AA gun " " 2 pr. MK VIII AA gun " 2 40 mm AA gun Guns Sub Calibre QF 2 pr. Projectors Rocket 3 in.
H.3.	Stores common to Artillery Equipments in Two or more Sections
H. 1.	Artillery Equipments - Ordnance QF 4.5. in Howr. " " 25 pr gun " " 18 pr gun " 2 17 pr gun " " 13 pr gun
H.2.	Artillery Equipments - Ordnance QF 3.7. in Howr.
H.3	Artillery Equipments - Ordnance QF 3 in Howr. " " 6 pr. 6 cwt gun " " Hotchkiss 6 pdr pr. 6 cwt. " " 5 pr. 2 cwt. " " 6 pr. 7 cwt

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N.2. Artillery Equipments -
Ordnance QF 4.5 in AA gun
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" " 6 pr. 7 cwt
" " 2 pr.

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O. Artillery Equipments.
Ordnance RL 6 in 26 cwt Howr.
" " 60 pr gun
" " 5.5 in gun
" " 4.5 in gun

P.1. Artillery Equipments.
Ordnance RL 9.2 in Howr.
" " 8 in Howr Mk VIII
" " 7.2. in Howr.
" " 6 in Gun Mk XIX

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SECTION AND SUB SECTION	STORES
P.2	Artillery Equipments Ordnance BL 15 in gun " " 9.2 in gun " " 6 in gun " QF 6 in gun " " 4.7 in 3 gun " " 12 pr 12 cwt gun " " 6 pr 10 cwt gun " " Hotchkiss 6 pr gun " " Nordenfelt 6 pr gun Gun, Sub Calibre QF 6 pr " " " " 3 pr " " " " 2 pr Low Angle
V.3.	Flash Spotting, Sound Ranging and R.A. Survey Stores
V.4	Fire Control Instruments and Associates Stores for Anti-Aircraft
V.5.	Fire Control Instruments and Associated Stores other that Coast Artillery and Anti-Aircraft.
V.6.	Stores common to two or more Sections in V Series
W.2.	Electric Cables and Wires, Primary Cells and Miscellaneous Electrical Stores.
W.4	RADAR, Wireless and Line Test Equipment
Z.1	Wireless Sets and Associated Stores
Z.2	Signal Stores - Portable Secondary Batteries, Charging sets, Power Units, Engines, Generators, Testing Apparatus, Measuring Sets, etc.
W.1	Field Works , Mining and Water Supply Stores

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SUBJECT:- Maintenance Italian Army Transport

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M M I A
R O M E
.003

4 September 1946.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

1. The Italian Ministry of War has asked for information on the future supply of maintenance stores for British equipment transferred to the Italian Army.

2. According to AG 091.711 G(SD)-0 of 2 November 1945, para 11 (b) three possible sources of maintenance are envisaged:-

(1) From indigenous Italian resources, including captured material (except German weapons) and such local manufactures as may be authorised by Allied Force Headquarters.

(2) By purchases from appropriate US and UK surplus disposal agencies in ITALY of stocks which are available to those disposal agencies.

(3) Through the Italian Government import programme.

3. The first source (indigenous sources), which in present circumstances means local manufacture, cannot produce very much owing to the prior needs of Civilian Rehabilitation and the uneconomical procedure of manufacturing only small numbers of spare parts. The second source, (Allied Surpluses) is now exhausted by the transfer of all surplus dumps to the Italian Government. The Italian War Ministry (after the allocation of their quota) will be left with practically no M.T. spares, and few replacements for weapons.

4. The question now arises, therefore, of importing stores from the country of origin and the terms on which these imports could be effected.

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6. It will be something before Italian industry can replace vehicles or arms of British manufacture and as the Italian Army transport and equipment is already reaching a dangerously low level of efficiency, it is recommended that steps be taken immediately to grant the Italian Government facilities to purchase, such replacements as they require from British Manufacturers. As it is realised that these negotiations may take some time, an interim reply, giving the Allied intentions in this matter,

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Major General,
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DODGE SECTION LV7/DG

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Ordnance Vocabulary See. Dodge

Designation :		Part No.
Engine Assy		923402
Rear Axle Assy Comp.		926586
Front Axle Assy Comp.		924348
Differential Assy		925831
Transmission Assy		920055
Carburettor		919487
Pump Fuel		929991
Prop. Shaft Front		925844
" " Rear		925846
Water Pump		868926
Brakes Master Cylinder		696383
" Wheel Cylinder	Right Front	571934
	Left Front	571935
" "	Rear	924463
Connecting Rod Bearings	Standard	956284
	.001	956285
	.002	956286
	.010	956287
	.012	956288
	.020	1067128
	.030	1067129
	.040	1073013
Crankshaft Bearings Nos	1. 2. 3. Std.	957644
	4 "	957649
	1. 2. 3. 001	957645
	4 "	957650
	1. 2. 3. 002	957646
	4 "	957651
	1. 2. 3. 010	957647
	4 "	957652
	1. 2. 3. 012	957648
	4 "	957653
	1. 2. 3. 020	1067130
	4 "	1067132
	1. 2. 3. 030	1067131
	4 "	1067133
	1. 2. 3. 040	1073011
	4 "	1073012
Clutch Housings		579442
Differential Brgs Cone	Right	544794
	Left	579073
Chains Timings		601765
Crown Wheels & Pinions		918797
Gaskets Cyl. Head		869992
King Pins		918965

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	1. 2. 3. 001	957645
	4 "	957650
	1. 2. 3. 002	957646
	4 "	957651
	1. 2. 3. 010	957647
	4 "	957652
	1. 2. 3. 012	957648
	4 "	957653
	1. 2. 3. 020	1067130
	4 "	1067132
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King Pins		595602
Bushes I Beam Upper		595603
Lower		574563
Oil Seals		974072
Pistons & Pins	S tandard	974073
	.003	974074
	.005	974075
	.010	974076
	.015	974077
	.020	974078
	.023	974079
	.025	974080
	.030	

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Designation :			Part. No.
		.040	974081
		.050	974082
		.060	974083
Piston Rings.	Standard	Upper	870701
	"	Lower	667499
	.003	Upper	870701
	.003	Lower	667499
	.005	Upper	870702
	.005	Lower	667501
	.010	Upper	870702
	.010	Lower	667501
	.015	Lower	667503
	.015	Upper	870703
	.020	Upper	870703
	.020	Lower	667503
	.023	Upper	870703
	.023	Lower	667503
	.025	Upper	870704
	.025	Lower	667505
	.030	Upper	870704
	.030	Lower	667505
	.040	Upper	870705
	.040	Lower	667506
	.050	Upper	870706
	.050	Lower	667507
	.060	Upper	870707
	.060	Lower	667508
Piston Pin	Standard		436658
	.003		203741
	.008		302560
Plugs Sparking			LV6/MT4 - 9324
Radiators			920200
" Shell Assy			920171
Shock Absorbers	Front Right		927464
	" Left		927465
	Rear Right		927466
	" Left		927467
Sprockets Timing	Crankshaft		601760
" "	Camshaft		601757
Valves Inlet			870048
" Exhaust			668553
" Springs			869449
Front Wheel Bearing	Cone Inner		
	Timken 3586		918967
" " "	" Outer		

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	.030	Lower	870705
	.040	Upper	667506
	.040	Lower	870706
	.050	Upper	667507
	.050	Lower	870707
	.060	Upper	667508
	.060	Lower	436658
Piston Pin	Standard		203741
	.003		302560
	.008		

LV6/MT4 - 9324

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"	Exhaust	869449
"	Springs	
Front Wheel Bearing	Cone Inner Timken 3586	918967
" " "	" Outer Timken 2578	564025 6807
Rear Wheel Bearing	Cone Inner Timken 33281	571823
" " "	" Outer Timken 3982	563567

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BEDFORD SECTION LV7/BD

Designation :	Part Nos.
Engine Assy	7060454
Rear Axle Assy Complete	7061306
Front Axle Assy Complete	7059669
Differential Front	7067279
Rear	7067279
Gear Box	7067810
Carburettor	7065480
Petrol Pump	1046954
Prop. Shaft Front	7059133
Rear	7059134
Water Pump	7060074
Brakes Master Cylinder	7059135
Clutch Housing	7057060
Chains Timing	1007433
Gaskets Cylinder Head	7057448
Pistons O/S	7056414
Pistons Rings	7 052079
Pins Gudgeon	1040362
Plugs Sparking	LV6/MT4 - 9324
Radiators	7065146
Shock Absorbers RH Front	7064674
LH Front	7064675
RH Rear	7064676
LH Rear	7064677
Valves Inlet	1033337
" Exhaust	7058151
" Springs	7055991
Bearings Front Crankshafts	1044112
" " Int "	1044113
Bearings Rear Crankshafts	1044114
" " Upper "	1044115
" " Lower "	1044116
Bearings Front Camshaft	1046737
" " Int "	1046794
" Rear " "	1046795
" " "	1046796
Crown wheel & pinion rear	7067178
" " " front	7067178
Differential Bearing Front	7058478
" " Rear	7058478
Seal Oil "	7059903
Seal Oil Front	7059903
Front Brakes Cylinder RH	1048662
" " " LH	1048663

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Shock Absorbers RH Front	7064675
LH Front	7064676
RH Rear	7064677
LH Rear	1033337
Valves Inlet	7058151
" Exhaust	7055991
" Springs	1044112
Bearings Front Crankshafts	1044113
" " Int "	1044114
Bearings Rear Crankshafts	1044115
" " Upper "	1044116
" " Lower "	1046737
Bearings Front Camshaft	1046794
" " Int "	1046795
" Rear " "	1046796
" " "	7067178
Crown wheel & pinion rear	7067178
" " " front	7058478
Differential Bearing Front	7058478
" " Rear	7059903
Seal Oil "	7059903
Seal Oil Front	1048662
Front Brakes Cylinder RH	1048663
" " " LH	1048966
Rear Brakes Cylinder RH	1048967
" " " LH	

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Subject : Provision of tools for Italian ARMY

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
M.003
4 Nov. 46

To : G.H.Q.

1. The War Ministry have re-stated that they may be supplied with the special tools listed as appendix 'A'.

These are required for the instruction of trainees at the Italian Army Technical School and are peculiar to the 239 Armored Cars (Staghounds) which have been issued to the Italian Army and C.C.S.S.

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It will be recalled that the Staghounds were issued without maintenance stores or tools concerning which repeated application has been made.

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ENGINE

Nomenclature	Federal Stock No.	MOr's No.
Fixture, cylinder head holding	41-[illegible]-2997-47	[illegible]-71636-7
Kit, carburetor tool	41-[illegible]-26	[illegible]-[illegible]-[illegible]
Plate, press, crankshft gear	41-[illegible]-[illegible]-50	[illegible]-[illegible]-771
Puller, crankshaft gear	41-[illegible]-2906-500	[illegible]-[illegible]-1725
Puller, hammer balancer	41-[illegible]-2240-75	[illegible]-[illegible]-1237A
Puller steering wheel	41-[illegible]-2331-35	[illegible]-[illegible]-1640-[illegible]
Remover, replacer & press crankshft bearing	41-[illegible]-2300-47	[illegible]-[illegible]-1000
Remover and replacer, valve guide	41-[illegible]-2303-50	[illegible]-[illegible]-867
Replacer, c ankshft gear	41-[illegible]-2301-50	[illegible]-[illegible]-1725
Replacer, timing gear, cover oil seal	41-[illegible]-2307-45	[illegible]-[illegible]-795
Replacer, water pump bearing cent	41-[illegible]-2330-40	
Tool set, connecting rod bushing (set of five)		
Wrench, socket, cylinder head bolt (cross recess) 5/8, hexagon, 3/4 square drive	41-[illegible]-2314-700	[illegible]-[illegible]-1602
Wrench, dis., cyl. head bolt, side recess	41-[illegible]-187-40	[illegible]-[illegible]-187-1A
Wrench, transmission main shaft nut	41-[illegible]-3740	[illegible]-[illegible]-2292

TRANSMISSION

Nomenclature	Federal Stock No.	MOr's No.	Fig. No.
Compressor [illegible], transmission oil delivery sleeve ring	41-[illegible]-2327	[illegible]-71537	63
Fixture, oil ply checking mainshft transmission	41-[illegible]-2300-500	[illegible]-72237	59
Fixture, holding transmission auxiliary units	41-[illegible]-2327-37	[illegible]-71463	42
Gage, transmission assembly checking	41-[illegible]-146-40	[illegible]-71467	
Gage, adjusting rear servo	41-[illegible]-12	[illegible]-71460	76
Remover, lock ring, transmission shaft	41-[illegible]-2303-75	[illegible]-71488	37
Replacer, trans. front cover seal	41-[illegible]-2337-65	[illegible]-72236	58
Rod, dial indicator w/dia indicator to check runout of flywheel cover hub	41-[illegible]-2330-215	[illegible]-72256	74
Spoon, assembling transmission rear planetary unit	41-[illegible]-1363-70	[illegible]-71377	65
Wrench, adjusting rear servo	41-[illegible]-491	[illegible]-71489	
Wrench, transmission mainshft nut	41-[illegible]-3740	[illegible]-72292	22/23/24
Wrench, torque indicating specifications 3/8" double hexagon opening socket capacity 0-25 pds	41-[illegible]-623-150	[illegible]-71454	13

TRANSFER CASE

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bolt (hinge assy)3in,hexagon,3in square drive	A1-[illegible]-[illegible]-700	[illegible]-1652	
Wrench,stt.,cyl.head bolt,rdio assy	A1-[illegible]-407-10	[illegible]-187-1A	
Wrench, transmission main shaft nut	A1-[illegible]-3710	[illegible]-[illegible]-2292	

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	Federal Stock No.	Dfr's No.	Fig.No.
Compressor [illegible], transmission oil delivery sleeve ring	A1-[illegible]-2557	[illegible]-71537	69
Fixture,end play checking mainshaft transmission	A1-[illegible]-300-500	[illegible]-12237	89
Fixture,holding transmission auxiliary units	A1-[illegible]-337-17	[illegible]-71463	42
Gage, transmission pressure checking	A1-[illegible]-16-10	[illegible]-71467	
Gage, adjusting rear servo	A1-[illegible]-12	[illegible]-71460	76
Remover,lock ring,transmission shaft	A1-[illegible]-2555-75	[illegible]-71438	57
Replacer,transm. front cover seal	A1-[illegible]-2577-65	[illegible]-72236	58
Tool,dial indicator w/dia indicator to check runout of flywheel cover hub	A1-[illegible]-2320-215	[illegible]-72236	74
Puller,assembling transmission rear planetary unit	A1-[illegible]-3[illegible]-70	[illegible]-71377	65
Wrench,adjusting rear servo	A1-[illegible]-491	[illegible]-71459	
Wrench,transmission mainshaft nut	A1-[illegible]-3710	[illegible]-72232	22/23/24
Wrench,torque indicating specification 3/8" double hexagon opening socket capacity 0-25 lbs	A1-[illegible]-3[illegible]-190	[illegible]-71315A	13

T R A N S F E R C A S E

Replacer, detent balls	A1-[illegible]-[illegible]-33	[illegible]-12272	101/102
Replacer,lock ring,filler,gear bearing	A1-[illegible]-[illegible]-400	[illegible]-[illegible]2	89
Replacer,oil seal, transfer case	A1-[illegible]-[illegible]-[illegible]	[illegible]-12270	90
Replacer,oil seal, transfer case	A1-[illegible]-2535-[illegible]	[illegible]-12271	95
Replacer, oil seal, transmission reduction assembly & transfer case	A1-[illegible]-2[illegible]-75	[illegible]-12269	92

S T E E R I N G G E A R

Flange, steering gear sling	A1-[illegible]-[illegible]-400	[illegible]-12237	116
Puller, pitman arm	A1-[illegible]-2[illegible]-35	[illegible]-12230	107
Scale,checking handle support	A1-[illegible]-307	[illegible]-14670	117

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FRONT AXLE

	Federal Stock No.	Mfr's No.	Fig. No.
Handle for use on replacers	41-H-1074	71-71660-1	
Puller, front and rear axle housing	41-H-2309-45	72-72251	
Remover & replacer, tire rod yoke bolt bushing	41-H-2381-41	72-72277	
Remover, tie rod yoke bolt bushing	41-H-2253	72-72278	
Remover & replacer, spindle (bushing used with 41-H-1074 universal drive handle)	41-H-2389-21	72-2279	
Remover and replacer, knuckle support bearing cup (used with 41-H-1074)	41-H-2386-25	72-72276	
Remover and replacer, spring pin and bushing	41-H-2389-26	72-72274	
Remover and replacer, hypoid drive gear thrust bearing, front and rear axle	41-H-2386-19	72-72268	
Replacer, oil seal, hypoid pinion drive flange, front and rear axle	41-H-2395-24	72-72261	
Replacer, hypoid pinion thrust bearing, front and rear axle	41-H-2394-165	72-72255	
Replacer, hypoid pinion roller bearing, front and rear axle	41-H-2394-150	72-72257	
Replacer, hypoid pinion roller bearing lock nut, front and rear axle	41-H-2394-155	72-72258	
Replacer, differential case bearing inner race, front and rear axle	41-H-2391-57	72-72260	
Replacer, herringbone drive pinion roller bearing inner race, front and rear axle	41-H-2394-77	72-72253	
Scale, (0-40) pounds, adjusting knuckle support trunion bearings	41-H-307-25	72-72293	
Wrench, pinion nut, herringbone drive, front and rear axle	41-H-1528	72-72267	

REAR AXLE

Clamp, special hydraulic brake cylinder setoff set & Handle for use on replacers	41-H-1336	72-72290	
Puller, front and rear axle housing	41-H-1074	71-71660-1	
Remover and replacer, hypoid drive gear thrust bearing, front and rear axle	41-H-2309-45	72-72251	
Replacer, oil seal, hypoid pinion drive flange front and rear axle	41-H-2386-19	72-72268	
Replacer, hypoid pinion thrust bearing, front and rear axle	41-H-2395-24	72-72261	
Replacer, hypoid pinion roller bearing front and rear axle	41-H-2394-165	72-72255	
Replacer, hypoid pinion roller bearing lock nut front and rear axle	41-H-2394-150	72-72257	
Replacer, differential case bearing inner race, front and rear axle	41-H-2394-155	72-72258	
Replacer, herringbone drive pinion roller bearing inner race, front and rear axle	41-H-2391-57	72-72260	
Remover, inner wheel bearing cup	41-H-2394-77	72-72253	
Remover, outer wheel bearing cup	41-H-2382-30	72-72275	
Remover and replacer, spindle bushing used with 41-H-1074 universal drive handle)	41-H-2394-39	72-72263	
Replacer, outer wheel bearing cup	41-H-2389-21	72-72279-1	

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Guard, pinion nut, herringbone drive, front and rear axle	41-G-1634	101-12267	

REAR AXLE

Clamp, special hydraulic brake cylinder actuating	41-G-1836	101-12230	
Handle for use on replacers	41-H-1074	101-21660-1	
Puller, front and rear axle housing	41-W-2303-45	101-12254	
Remover and replacer, hypoid drive gear thrust bearing, front and rear axle	41-R-2506-19	101-12248	
Replacer, oil seal, hypoid pinion drive flange front and rear axle	41-R-2395-24	101-12261	
Replacer, hypoid pinion thrust bearing, front and rear axle	41-R-2394-165	101-12255	
Replacer, hypoid pinion roller bearing front and rear axle	41-R-2394-150	101-12257	
Replacer, hypoid pinion roller bearing lock nut front and rear axle	41-R-2394-155	101-12258	
Replacer, differential case bearing inner race, front and rear axle	41-R-2394-57	101-12260	
Replacer, herringbone drive pinion roller bearing inner race, front and rear axle	41-R-2394-77	101-12253	
Remover, inner wheel bearing cup	41-R-2393-50	101-12275	
Remover, outer wheel bearing cup	41-R-2394-39	101-12263	
Remover and replacer, spindle (bushing used with 41-H-1074 universal drive handle)	41-R-2389-21	101-12279-1	
Replacer, outer wheel bearing cup	41-R-2393-77	101-12264	
Replacer, outer wheel bearing cup	41-R-2394-260	101-12256	
Ring, lifting, turret top (set of 3)	41-R-2515	101-12234	
Tube, brake bleeder	41-G-4163	101-12010 3	
Guard, pinion nut, herringbone drive, front and rear axle	41-G-1634	101-12267	

WHEEL BEARING

Remover, inner wheel bearing cup	41-R-2393-50	101-12275	49
Remover, outer wheel bearing cup	41-R-2394-39	101-12263	
Replacer, inner wheel bearing cup & oil seal	41-R-2394-260	101-12256	50
Replacer, outer wheel bearing cup	41-R-2393-77	101-12262	49

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