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Q 137 A VEHICLES FOR IHI Army

Feb. 1946 - Feb. 1947

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Subject : Releases - "A" Vehicles.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407
Q. 137

27 Sep 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following vehicles are available for collection from
12 Vehicle Park, TORII.

Authority : GHO., ESD/81/3B of 14 Jun 46.
" " Q Vehicle Release Note No VR/8947 of 23 Sep 46.
" " Ord " " DOS/8947 " " "

<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Destination</u>
I	Staghounds I(TI7EI) Class II	7	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 6 Territorial Command destination and arrange for the removal of these vehicles as soon as possible.

BR 107N N 410
H.R. LUCKETT, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

HRL/lm

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H.R. LUCKETT, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

HRD/lm

Copy to : HQ., 6 BLU - for action ref this H.Q. Q.101 of 25 Jul 46.

- INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)
- : G(Trg)
- : Q Accounts - confirm receipt of vouchers to Q.
- : Crd
- : RENE
- : Liaison.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, CMB
Q(AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 897

Date 3 Sep 46

To: MIA for Italian Army

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	M.T. Code	Description of Vehicles	Class	Park/Group
7		Staghounds I (217AI)	II	12 Veh Pk FORLI
To be issued on loan.				

Remarks: In 12 VP FORLI. Fit and serviced with complete kits.
MIA to arrange allocation.

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Release Instructions

- On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
- GHQ Q(AE) release and Ord Directorate release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

Distribution:

Ord Directorate

File

I.A. GORTON, Capt.
Brigadier
Q(AE)
2/s Admin.

Q137

C O P YGENERAL HEADQUARTERS GHT
ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE

97B

Release No. DCS/3947

Date 23 Sept 46

To 38 VEHICLE COY, GHT

The undermentioned vehicles will be issued from 12 VEHICLE PARK
to MIA for Italian Army Forli

Qty	DESIGNATION	Serial No.	REMARKS
7	Staghounds I (TI7E1) Class II		Ex 12VP FORLI. Fit and serviced with complete kits. MIA to arrange allocation.
	To be issued on loan.		

Distribution:

"Q" Branch, GHT
Formation District as above
12 Vehicle Park.

R.J. IANE J/cdr

For

Brig 1906

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Extract from I.O's Log
dtd 16th to 21 Sept 46.

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20th Sept 46 para.14 :-

"WEASELS" FOR ALPINI REGT.

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Spoke to Lt Col PANORAZI about supplying the 6th Alpini with some of these vehs. Panorazi replied that this will be done. The Min had received the request from 4th Terr Comd. There are 200 available in BOLOGNA 50 are to be drawn from ARAR in JESI. 21 have already been sent to the School at CESANO. (Ref letter to this HQ from 4 ECU dated 12 Sept 46).

*They spoke BRADLEY/LUCKETT. Above extract read out 1975
the phone. NFA 27/9*

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Subject: Weasels.

Headquarters
4 B.L.U.
Bolzano
Ref: Q15

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(MMIA) Rome- (for Q Branch)

12 Sep. 46

1.- This unit has been approached by the 6th Alpini with a view to obtaining five weasels (special American tracked vehicles for mountain and cold climate work).

2.- It is known that the Italian Army has at least five of the vehicles. Lt.Col. DOUGLAS GI of this BLU obtained them (on the 'old boy' level) during hostilities for the Aquila Bn of the LEGNANO Div. This Bn is no longer in LEGNANO Division and it is believed that they left them with LEGNANO when they transferred to an Alpini Regt. They are, of course, of not much use to an ordinary Infantry unit and the 6th Alpini (who have no jeeps, etc capable of mountain work) would very much like to have them and Col. DOUGLAS has told them that every effort will be made to get them transferred from LEGNANO to 6th Alpini.

3.- 4 Territoriale Command is applying to M. of W. for the transfer but it would be appreciated if MMIA could also push from their side to eliminate delays as the winter snow season draws on apace.

4.- If they are received soon and they are not in good condition the Alpini would have time to get a few spares in the open market from the American OFLC through ARAR.

5.- It is believed that these vehicles are also known as T.27'S

LO (copy of this letter)
To report per 19/9 See Q5A

E.W. Bradley Major
E.W. BRADLEY
MAJOR INNISKS
for Lt.Col.GS.

COPY TO: MMIA (for G TRG)

4 Comando Militare Territoriale BOLZANO
(ref conversation JALLONGHI-BRADLEY)
Comando 6° Alpini- MERANO
(ref conversation SIMEONE- BRADLEY)

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TRANSLATION

Ref: 6/3961/Serv
Date: 6/9/46

From: M. of W.
To : MMIA

Subject: Maintenance of Armoured Cars. - ~~SP4~~

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Ref. your Q/I57 of 7th August 1946.

We forward herewith a copy of circular no 6/3913 dated 3/9/46 of this S.M. containing the rules regarding the maintenance of Armoured Cars on issue to units under our command.

Meloni
Col.

C.F.

10/9/46

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TO SUB		
A/Q		✓
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10/9/46

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Q.1	✓
Q.2	✓
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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.

Ref: 6/39I3/serv

To : Addressees

Date: 3/9/46

Subject: Maintenance of Armoured Cars.

The Armoured Cars "Staghound" already on issue or being issued require, in view of their special equipment, a thorough and continuous maintenance which must be followed closely by the General Directorate of Art. and Mot. (Maintenance Inspect), the Mil. Territorial Commands and the Carabinieri Gen. HQ through inspections carried out, from time to time, by experienced Senior officers.

The maintenance will have to be done even when said Armoured cars are off the road and held by units which have them on charge, awaiting receipt of spares (in the event the Armoured cars require small repairs) or the order of handing over the vehicle to the CARE of Bologna.

For each of the vehicle in question, a table showing the number and the type of armament, ammo., W/T equipments, etc. of each vehicle will have to be compiled so as to make possible and easy the check to be carried out by unit commanders who are the first inspectors of maintenance and by the a/m senior officers. This table will have to accompany the vehicle.

The rules in question will have to be strictly complied with also by the M.T. workshops of Bologna, which, as known, in addition to providing for the repair of the inefficient Armoured cars, holds in its E.V.P. a number of Armoured cars at the disposal of this S.M.

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Gen.

C.F.

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Subject : Provision of tools for Italian Army

Joint Forces Staff Commission, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
0.005
4 Oct. 45

To : G.H.Q.

1. The War Ministry have requested that they may be supplied with the special tools listed at appendix 'A'.

These are required for the instruction of trainees at the Italian Army Technical School and are peculiar to the 259 Armoured Cars (Staghounds) which have been issued to the Italian Army and G.C.H.R.

2. It is fully appreciated that direct release of tools and spares has now ceased but so far as can be ascertained, these tools will not be available in the "miscellaneous M stores" being handed over in bulk to Ministry of Supply and M.S.R. In any event considerable delay is inevitable and the need is urgent.

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

3. It is thought possible that stocks may be held in 500 B.O.D. Austria.

May this H.Q. be informed whether the War Ministry can obtain the necessary tools from this or any other source and on what terms.

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W. Pickley - cmdr.

To : G.I.O.

1. The War Ministry have requested that they may be supplied with the special tools listed at appendix 'A'.

These are required for the instruction of tradesmen at the Italian Army Technical School and are peculiar to the 239 Armoured Cars (Staghounds) which have been issued to the Italian Army and CC.MB.

2. It is fully appreciated that direct release of tools and M spares has now ceased but so far as can be ascertained, these tools will not be available in the 'miscellaneous M stores' being handed over in bulk to Ministry of Supply and AMAR. In any event considerable delay is inevitable and the need is urgent.

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W.P. ...
Major General
M.M.I.A.

Internal O. File 0.137
G.I.O. File 14/22
ORDINANCES

T 17 B I Armored Cars. Extracted from American Ordnance Maintenance Technical Manual 9-1744 A.

E N G I N E

Reenclature	Federal Stock No.	Mfr's No.
Fixture, cylinder head holding	44-P-2997-77	KM-J1656-7
Kit, carburetor tool	44-A-86	KM-KM0-268
Plate, press, camshaft gear	44-P-1564-50	KM-J-971
Puller, crankshaft gear	44-P-2906-500	KM-J-1725
Puller, harmonic balancer	44-P-2940-75	KM-J-1287A
Puller steering wheel	44-P-295A-55	KM-J-1618-16
Remover, replacer & reamer crankshaft bearing	44-R-2382-17	KM-J-1300
Remover and replacer, valve guide	44-R-2389-50	KM-J-267
Replacer, crankshaft gear	44-R-2391-50	KM-J-1726
Replacer, timing gear, cover oil seal	44-R-2397-15	KM-J-995
Replacer, water pump housing seat	44-R-2330-10	
Tool set, connecting rod bushing (set of five) Wrench, socket, cylinder head bolt (close sweep) pin, hexagon, pin square drive	44-W-2964-700	KM-J-1602
Wrench, skt., cyl. head bolt, wide sweep	44-W-487-10	KM-KM0-187-1A
Wrench, transmission main shaft nut	44-W-5710	KM-J-2292

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Reenclature	Federal Stock No.	Mfr's No.	Fig. No.
Compressor oil, transmission oil	44-C-2957	YM-J1557	65
Delivery sleeve ring	44-P-2989-500	KM-J2297	89
Fixture, end play checking mainshaft transmission	44-P-2997-57	KM-J1463	42
Fixture, holding transmission auxiliary units	44-G-446-40	KM-J1467	76
Gage, transmission pressure checking	44-C-12	KM-J1460	37
Gage, adjusting rear servo	44-R-2583-75	KM-J1458	58
Remover, lock ring, transmission shaft	44-R-2597-65	KM-J2286	
Replacer, trans. front cover seal	44-R-2590-215	KM-J2256	74
Rod, dial indicator w/dia indicator to check runout of flywheel cover hub	44-S-3868-70	KM-J1877	65
Spacer, assembling transmission rear planetary unit	44-W-491	KM-J1459	
Wrench, adjusting rear servo	44-W-5710	KM-J2292	22/25/24
Wrench, transmission mainshaft nut			
Wrench, torque indicating specifications			

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T R A N S M I S S I O N

Compressor oil, transmission oil

Delivery sleeve ring

Fixture, end play checking

mainshaft transmission

Fixture, holding transmission

auxiliary units

Gage, transmission pressure checking

Gage, adjusting rear servo

Remover, lock ring, transmission shaft

Replacer, trans. front cover seal

Bob, dial indicator w/dia indicator to

check runout of flywheel cover hub

Spacer, assembling transmission rear

planetary unit

Wrench, adjusting rear servo

Wrench, transmission mainshaft nut

Wrench, torque indicating specifications

3/8" double hexagon opening socket

capacity 0-25 pds

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

Replacer, detent balls

Replacer, lock ring, idler, gear bearing

Replacer, oil seal, transfer case

Replacer, oil seal, transfer case

Replacer, oil seal, transmission

reduction assembly & transfer case

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

Flange, steering gear ading

Puller, pit; an arm

Spool, checking knuckle support

Federal Stock No. MP's No. Fig. No.

44-0-2557 44-31557 63

44-0-2969-500 44-32297 89

44-0-2997-17 44-31463 42

44-0-446-40 44-31467 76

44-0-12 44-31460 37

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44-0-2397-65 44-32286 74

44-0-2580-215 44-32254 65

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FRONT AXLE

Handle for use on replacers

Nut, front and rear axle housing
 Remover & replacer, tire rod yoke bolt bushing
 Reamer, tied rod yoke bolt bushing
 Remover & Replacer, spindle (bushing used with 44-N-1074, universal drive handle)
 Remover and replacer, knuckle support bearing cup (used with 44-N-1074)
 Remover and replacer, spring pin and bushing
 Remover and replacer, hypoid drive gear thrust bearing, front and rear axle
 Replacer, oil seal, hypoid pinion drive flange, front and rear axle
 Replacer, hypoid pinion thrust bearing, front and rear axle
 Replacer, hypoid pinion roller bearing, front and rear axle
 Replacer, hypoid pinion roller bearing, front and rear axle
 Replacer, differential case bearing inner race, front and rear axle
 Replacer, herringbone drive pinion roller bearing inner race, front and rear axle
 Scale, 0-40 pounds, adjusting knuckle support traction bearings
 Wrench, pinion nut, herringbone drive, front and rear axle

REAR AXLE

Clamp, special hydraulic brake cylinder setoff, nut & handle for use on replacers
 Puller, front and rear axle housing
 Remover and replacer, hypoid drive gear thrust bearing, front and rear axle
 Replacer, oil seal, hypoid pinion drive flange, front and rear axle
 Replacer, hypoid pinion thrust bearing, front and rear axle
 Replacer, hypoid pinion roller bearing, front and rear axle
 Replacer, hypoid pinion roller bearing lock nut, front and rear axle
 Replacer, differential case bearing inner race, front and rear axle
 Replacer, herringbone drive pinion roller bearing inner race, front and rear axle
 Remover, inner shaft bearing

Federal Stock No.	Mfr's No.	Fig.
44-N-1074	KM-J1660-1	
44-R-2909-45	KM-J2254	
44-R-2384-44	KM-J2277	
44-R-2255	KM-J2279	
44-R-2389-21	KM-2279	
44-R-2386-25	KM-J2276	
44-R-2389-26	KM-J2274	
44-R-2386-19	KM-J2268	
44-R-2395-24	KM-J2264	
44-R-2394-165	KM-2255	
44-R-2394-150	KM-J2257	
44-R-2394-155	KM-J2258	
44-R-2591-57	KM-J2260	
44-R-2394-77	KM-J2253	
44-S-507-25	KM-J2293	
44-N-1624	KM-J2267	
44-O-1836	KM-J2280	
44-N-1074	KM-J1660-1	
44-R-2909-45	KM-J2254	
44-R-2386-19	KM-J2268	
44-R-2395-24	KM-J2264	
44-R-2394-165	KM-J2255	
44-R-2394-150	KM-J2459-9	
44-R-2394-155	KM-J2258	
44-R-2391-57	KM-J2260	
44-R-2394-77	KM-J2253	

front and rear axle	44-R-2394-165	KM-J2255	
Replacer, hypoid pinion roller bearing, front and rear axle	44-R-2394-150	KM-J2257	
Replacer, hypoid pinion roller bearing nut, front and rear axle	44-R-2394-155	KM-J2258	
Replacer, differential case bearing inner race, front and rear axle	44-R-2394-57	KM-J2260	
Replacer, herringbone drive pinion roller bearing inner race, front and rear axle	44-R-2394-77	KM-J2253	
Scale, 0-40 pounds, adjusting knuckle support trunion bearings	44-S-507-25	KM-J2295	
Wrench, pinion nut, herringbone drive, front and rear axle	44-H-1624	KM-J2267	
R E A R A X L E			
Clamp, special hydraulic brake cylinder set of 4	44-C-1836	KM-J2280	
Pin & Handle for use on replacers	44-H-1074	KM-J1660-1	
Puller, front and rear axle housing	44-F-2909-45	KM-J2254	
Remover and replacer, hypoid drive gear thrust bearing, front and rear axle	44-R-2386-49	KM-J2268	
Replacer, oil seal, hypoid pinion drive flange front and rear axle	44-R-2395-24	KM-J2264	
Replacer, hypoid pinion thrust bearing, front and rear axle	44-R-2394-165	KM-J2255	
Replacer, hypoid pinion roller bearing front and rear axle	44-R-2394-150	KM-J2259	9
Replacer, hypoid pinion roller bearing lock nut front and rear axle	44-R-2394-155	KM-J2258	
Replacer, differential case bearing inner race, front and rear axle	44-R-2394-57	KM-J2260	
Replacer, herringbone drive pinion roller bearing inner race, front and rear axle	44-R-2394-77	KM-J2253	
Remover, inner wheel bearing cup	44-R-2382-50	KM-J2275	
Remover, outer wheel bearing cup	44-R-2384-59	KM-J2263	
Remover and replacer, spindle (bushing used with 44-H-1074 universal drive handle)	44-R-2389-24	KM-J2279-1	
Replacer, outer wheel bearing cup	44-R-2395-77	KM-J2264	
Replacer, outer wheel bearing cup	44-R-2394-260	KM-J2266	
Ring, lifting, turret top (set of 3)	44-R-2515	KM-J2294	
Tube, brake bleeder	44-F-4169	KM-J2252	
Wrench, pinion nut, herringbone drive, front and rear axle	44-H-1624	KM-J2267	
WHEEL BEARINGS			
Remover, inner wheel bearing cup	44-R-2382-50	KM-J2275	48
Remover, outer wheel bearing cup	44-R-2384-59	KM-J2263	
Replacer, inner wheel bearing cup & oil seal	44-R-2394-260	KM-J2266	50
Replacer, outer wheel bearing cup	44-R-2395-77	KM-J2264	49

COPY FROM ORD.

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SUBJECT:- Collection of "A" Vehicles for Italian Army.

ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.N.
Tel. 55802 NAPLES
ORD 11
26 AUGUST '46

ADCS. H.Q. M.I.C.A.

see 79-81

Reference Q. 137 dated 22 JULY '46.

- The following Staghounds complete with Kit Lists showing equipment held and deficient have been collected from 5 & 11 R.V.P's and forwarded by rail to destinations as listed below:-

ITEM	QTY	DESTINATION
Staghounds	7	Folgore Division, FREGENSE
" "	7	Friuli Division, BOLZANO
" "	5	Legnano Division, LEGNANO

TO STG	
A/Q	
Q	
Q. 1	
Q. 11	<i>Dr</i>
ORD	<i>/</i>
REME	<i>/</i>

Major, 1958

1. Q. 137
sub. 30/8/46

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TRANSLATION

From: M.O.F. W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 61081
Date: 20/8/46

Subject: Demolition of armoured vehicles at the S.P.A. Turin.

For the special attention of Maj. Ebsworth.

Further to a talk with Lt.Col. Pancrazi we summarise for information figures in respect of armoured vehicles belonging to War Administration - destroyed by SPA at Turin following orders given by the Allied HQ. -

- tanks found at the Spa Turin after the liberation: 41
- destroyed: all
- material valued at 1.915.846,95 lira, credited by the Spa as part payment in settlement of the 5.958.810 lira credit, given by the Firm for the demolition of the tanks.
- said material was sent, in turn, by the SPA to its iron works.
- salvaged material held by the Firm at the disposal of this Administration:
- 310 various type bearings
- 2 M.15 injection pumps
- 3 M.15 dynamos (1 Renault type)
- 1 motor (Renault)
- 2 Renault magnetoes
- 8 M.15 starter motors
- 4 magnetoes
- 5 dynamos
- 1 M.13 starter motor
- 1 AB.14 dynamo
- 2 L/40 starter motors
- 1 M 14/41 dynamo
- 1 L 14/41 injection pump
- 3 M 13/40 injection pumps
- 32 miscellaneous injectors
- 1 M15 engine (complete and in working order)

TO SEE	
A/Q	✓
Q	<i>RAC</i>
Q. 1	
Q. 2	
ORD	
REME	<i>1927</i>

A.D. 137
sub.
31/8/46

Optical and R.T. equipment installed on the tanks has been claimed by the SPA.

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SUBJECT:- Staghound Armoured Cars.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.,
R O M E
Q.137

7 August 1946

TO : War Ministry

Ref 6/3445/Serv. of 27 July 1946.

1. Enquiry shows that the cars in question were collected at Naples from an Allied Unit which was disbanding.

On the 29 April an attempt was made to collect the vehicles but abandoned as the O.C. of the British Armoured Delivery Squadron at Naples was unable to hand them over in an efficient condition and refused to do so in the state they were in.

Unfortunately instead of their being returned to an Ordnance Vehicle Park they were "left behind" when the Unit disbanded and emergency arrangements made by 10 B.L.U. to take delivery. They remained in 10 E.V.P. at Naples for several weeks and were eventually moved to Rome.

2. They should not have been accepted by the Italian Army or alternatively an immediate report should have been submitted to this HQ. It will be appreciated that with the disbandment of Units and dispersal of British personnel little good is obtained from instituting enquiry months later.

3. It is hoped the present system of handing over British Equipment with an official "Collection Note copy to nearest MMIA Liaison Unit" will enable the War Ministry to remedy errors of this sort at once.

4. The Staghounds with their specialised equipment, weapons and ammunition require very special maintenance supervision and you are advised to fix responsibility on the Territorial Command concerned insisting on careful record of arms, ammunition and wireless belonging to or transferred with the Cars.

Each car should have a full inventory showing equipment held and deficient.

It is suggested that your reserve of cars be held at Bologna where all available equipment for them should be collected as it comes to hand.

5. Until spares are made available cars off the road must receive adequate maintenance and attention paid to the weapons forming part of their equipment.

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As the total number is not large it would appear desirable that control of their movements be centralised at the Ministry and pending completion of delivery a reserve be formed from those now held. If a special census was insisted on and vehicles "struck off" or "taken on charge" only on your authority control would be simplified.

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

Copy : 10 BLU ref. 3Q of 29.5.46

Report circumstances under which 273 Arm'd. Del. Sqn. insisted on collection
Internal: CCRR Section - REMS - "G" -

SUBJECT: Regional Ammunition Cases

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M.A.I.A.
R.O.H.B.
✓.137

6 August 1966

TO: Ministry of War

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Re: your 6/3339/Secv. of 29 July 1966.

1. Your figures are agreed and the position is recorded as under

	HEAD	NUMBER	TOTAL
Gr. Am.	168	—	168 (A)
Army Reserve	25	42	67 (B)
	—	20	40
Total	193	62	255

2. Of the balance due 43 have been released and it is hoped a further 36 will be available later.

3. Your attention is drawn to an apparent omission of 5 cars per day.

If you wish the Army total to be 82 instead of 67 your 1965 reserve of 43 will have to be completed accordingly.

(97) = 7

see (97)

Rac.
P.A. CHRISTIE, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
M.A.I.A.

Interval: 90° 30'
90° 5'
00.00.
SAC/ev.

(A). 12 Bns x 12 = 144.
Tmg = 24
168

(B). 5 Divs x 11 = 55
Tmg = 12
67

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TRANSLATION

From:- Ministry of War

Ref No: 6/3389/Serv.

To:- MMIA

Date: 29 July 46

Subject:- Staghound Armoured Cars

Reply to letter of 137 dated 9th July 46.

The following table shows the number of armoured-cars withdrawn, or to be withdrawn for the Italian Army (including CC.RR.)

	<u>Number allocated</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>	<u>To be withdrawn</u>
Carabinieri	✓ 168	168 (2)	---
Army	67 (1)	23 (3)	44
Reserve	✓ 40	---	40
	275	191	84

We beg you to inform us if this table corresponds with the one in your possession.

sgd. Olivetti OLIVETTI

NOTE :

- (1) - ~~which~~ includes 55 to be sent to the 5 future Recce Bns. (11 per Bn.) and 12 for training.
- (2) - ~~which~~ includes 15 armoured-cars allotted to the Armoured-car Drivers School scheduled to train CC.RR who will attend said School for instructions.
- (3) - Armoured-cars on charge to the Armoured-cars Driver School, 16 of which will be sent to the future Inf. Div Recce Bns. *924*

Handwritten calculations:
 275
 55

 330

 168
 211
 31

 202

Handwritten signature: 8/107

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Subject : Releases - 'A' Vehicles.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.I.I.A.)
ROME.
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407

Q. 137

29 July 46

TO : Ministry of War.

3 Jun 46. Ref this H.Q. letters of even number dated 8 Mar and

1. Arrangements have now been made for the following vehicles to be issued to the Italian Army direct and not through the Ministry of Supply. The vehicles are available for collection from 12 Vehicle Park FOALL.

Authority : 8312/Q1 of 19 July 46

Q	Vehicle Release Note	AVR/8942	of 19 July 46
OND	"	DOS/8942	of 23 July 46.

Serial No	Item	Cty	Destination
1	Carriers Universal MK 1 Star Class II	170	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 6 Territorial Command destination and to arrange for

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Q. 137

29 July 46

TO : Ministry of War.

3 Jun 46. Ref this H.Q. Letters of even number dated 8 Mar and

1. Arrangements have now been made for the following vehicles to be issued to the Italian Army direct and not through the Ministry of Supply. The vehicles are available for collection from 12 Vehicle Park FORLI.

Authority : 8312/01 of 19 July 46
Q Vehicle Release Note AVR/3942 of 19 July 46
ORD " " " DOS/8942 of 23 July 46.

<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Destination</u>
1	Carriers Universal MK 1 Star Class II	170	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

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2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 6 Territorial Command destination and to arrange the removal of these vehicles as soon as possible.

H.R. LUCKETT Major
H.R. LUCKETT, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

FRL/lm

Copy to : H.Q. 6 B.I.U. - For action ref this H.Q. Q.101 of 25 Jul 46
Your Q/4/3/ dtd 18 Jun 46 refers.

- INTERNAL : G (Ops & SD)
- : G (Eng)
- : Q Accounts - Confirm receipt of vouchers to Q
- : Ord
- : REUSE
- : Liaison.

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General Headquarters
ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE

(82B)

Date 23rd July 46

Release No. DOS/8942

To 38 VEHICLE COY, CMT

The undermentioned vehicles will be issued from 12 VEHICLE PARK

To M.M.I.A FOR ITALIAN ARMY

<u>QTY</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>Serial No</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
170	Carriers Universal MK.I Star Class II		

Ex 12 Veh Park FORLI. Fit and serviced with complete
Kits. M.M.I.A to arrange collection.

Distribution:
"Q" Branch GHQ
Formation District as above
12 Vehicle Park

R.I. LANE, J/Cmdr. (MT)
for Maj Gen.
DOS
GHQ

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Q137

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, CMF
Q (AE) BRANCH

82A

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref VR/ 8942

Date 19 Jul 46.

To: MMIA for Italian Army

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	M.T. Code	Description of Vehicles	Class	Park/Group
170		Carriers Universal Mk I Star	II	12 Veh Park Forli

Remarks: Ex 12 Veh Park FORLI. Fit and serviced with complete kits. MMIA to arrange collection.

Release Instructions

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
2. GHQ Q (AE) release and Ord Directorate release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

[Signature]
I.A. GORDON, Capt.,
Brigadier,
Q (AE)
DQM.

Distribution:

Ord Directorate RAC.

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TRANSLATION

SIA

FROM: M. of W.

REF.: 6/3415/Serv.

TO : MMIA

DATE: 27 July 1946 *WP*

SUBJECT: "Staghound" armoured cars withdrawn from Allied camps.

An excerpt of a report of the Armoured Cars Drivers School HQs, concerning the conditions of "Staghound" T. 17 armoured cars which have ~~been~~ ^{been} so far ~~with~~ ^{been} withdrawn from Allied ^{reports} camps, is forwarded to you, for your consideration, in connection with the expected assignment of remaining armoured cars.

by order
the Chief of Services Office
(sgd.) N. Meloni
Colonel

*See 613
455.*

See 26

*1/8/46
RA.*

1946

TO SEE	
A/Q	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Q	<i>see</i>
Q. 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Q. 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
COPI	<input type="checkbox"/>
REMB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

4-17-46

TRANSLATION

From: Armoured Cars Drivers School
 -(Tor di Quinto)-
 To : Addresses

Ref: 248/Aut.

Date: 12/7/46

Subject: Withdrawal of "Staghound" T.17 armoured cars. -

Cars are all ^{of low category} ~~stricken-off~~. While motors are generally efficient and in fairly good conditions, outside and inside equipment is in a really pitiful condition (broken and bent mudguards, dented side bonnets, inefficient syrens, missing dented and broken lamps, leaking waste sumps, etc.). Kits are mostly ~~un~~complete. All tarpaulins missing as well as cables, windshields (there is not a single one), cushions for seats, etc. Some armoured cars have all individual kits missing according to lists of manufacturing firms. As far as armament is concerned we would point out:

- each armoured car has only two Browning machine guns: none of them has the third one for the turrett.
- Two armoured cars only have the bearing for the third machine gun outside the turrett.
- They are all lacking the handle and the breech of the 3" mortar for producing smoke
- Each armoured car has only one spare barrel for each machine gun.
- Almost all armoured cars have no bolts for fixing weapons to the turrett and to the front.
- Each armoured car has the protection shield for recoiling of the 37 m/m gun missing.
- Muzzle caps for the protection of weapons are missing almost all armoured cars. Bags for gathering cartridge during fire cases are also generally lacking both for machine guns and 37 m/m gun.
- The stock of spare parts and tools is almost inexistant.

As far as W/T equipment is concerned we would point out:

- 23 telephone headsets containers are missing, as well as 25 telephone headsets, 2 aerials for "A" sets, 10 rods for "B" sets, 1 box of spare parts for W/T operator, 8 covers for radio sets.

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The Commander of the School
 (sgd.) A. Guzzinati
 Lt. Col.

Subject : Releases - 'A' Vehicles.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME,
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407

→ Q . 137

22 July 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following vehicles are available for collection from 5 Vehicle Park, NAPLES.

Authority : ESD/81/3B of 14 Jun 46
Q Vehicle Release Note No AVR/8939 of 16 Jul 46
ORD " " " DOS/8939 " 17 Jul 46.

<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Destination</u>
1	Stagheonda I (T I 7 R I) Class I	10	(a)
2	" " " II	2	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 10 Territorial Command destination and arrange for the removal of these vehicles as soon as possible.

H.R. LUCKETT 1958
H.R. LUCKETT, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

HR/L/m

1. The following vehicles are available for collection from 5 Vehicle Park, NAPLES.

Authority : BSD/81/3B of 14 Jun 46
Q Vehicle Release Note No 4VR/8932 of 16 Jul 46
ORD " " " " DOS/8939 " 17 Jul 46.

<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Destination</u>
1	Stegbomda I (T I 7 R I) Class I	10	(c)
2	" " " II	2	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 10 Territorial Command destination and arrange for the removal of these vehicles as soon as possible.

H.R. LUCKETT 1958
H. R. LUCKETT, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

HRL/lm

Copy to : H.Q. 10 B.L.U. - to report progress.

- INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)
- : G(Trg)
- : Q Accounts - Confirm receipt of vouchers to Q
- : ORD
- : RENE
- : Liaison.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, CME
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref A VR/ 8939Date 16 July 46To: MIA for Italian Army

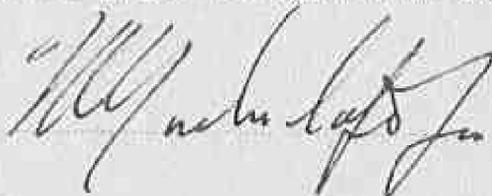
Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	M.T. Code	Description of Vehicles	Class	Park/Group
10		Staghounds I (T 17 E 1)	I	5 Veh Pk
2		" " "	II	"
To be issued on loan				

Remarks: Ex 5 VP NAPLES. Fit and serviced with complete kits MIA to arrange collection.

Release Instructions

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from 1 Div (Br).
2. GHQ Q (AE) release and Ord Directorate release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.


Brigadier
(AE)

Distribution:

Ord Directorate RAG

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Subject : Releases - 'A' Vehicles.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROUTE.
Tel. 489081 Ext. 407

Q. 137

22 July 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following vehicles are available for collection from
12 Vehicle Park, FORLI.

Authority : ESD/81/3B of 14 Jun 46
Q Vehicle Release Note No AVR/8938 of 16 Jul 46
ORD " " " DOS/8938 " 17 Jul 46.

<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Destination</u>
I	Staghounds I(T 17 E I) Class II	29	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 6 Territorial Command destination and arrange for the removal of these vehicles as soon as possible.

H.R. Lockett
H.R. LOCKETT, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A. 1956

HRL/lm

Copy to : H.Q. 6 B.I.U. -- To report progress.

INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)
: G(Trg)

(80)

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following vehicles are available for collection from 12 Vehicle Park, FORTH.

Authority : ESD/81/3B of 14 Jun 46
Q Vehicle Release Note No AVR/8938 of 16 Jul 46
ORD " " " DCS/8938 " 17 Jul 46.

<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Destination</u>
I	Staghounds I(T 17 E I) Class II	29	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

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Wp/Kenn
H.R. Lockett
H.R. LOCKETT, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A. **1956**

HRL/lm

COPY to : H.Q. 6 B.L.U. - To report progress.

- INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)
- : G(Trg)
- : Q Accounts - Confirm receipt of vouchers to Q
- * ORD
- : REVE
- : LIAISON.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, CME
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Refⁿ VR/ 8938

Date 16 July 46

To: MMIA for Italian Army

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	M.T. Code	Description of Vehicles	Class	Park/Group
29		Staghounds I (F 17 E 1)	II	12 VP
		To be issued on loan		

Remarks: Re 12 VP FORLL. Fit and serviced with complete kits MMIA to arrange collection.

Release Instructions

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
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W. J. ...

Brigadier,
CXCXEX
DOR

Distribution:

Ord Directorate RAG

File

RECEIVED 20 JUL 1946
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49A

Subject: Carriers Universal.

GR 307

8512/46

19 Jul 46

MA ✓

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Reference your signal 2935 dated 6 Jul 46.

1. Arrangements have now been made for 170 Carriers Universal Mk I which had been released to Ministry of Supply at 12 Veh Park, FCII, to be withdrawn and issued direct to the Italian Army under the terms of this GR letter 8159/31 dated 7 May 46.

2. You are requested to arrange for collection of these vehicles from 12 Veh Park.

59/54

B. A. CAMELLI
S/Comd.

BAC/BN.

B.A. CAMELLI, S/Comd.,
for Brigadier,
I/c Admin.

Copy to: Chief Disposals Officer (Italy)
(GSD)
Ord Directorate

1954

Please submit a withdrawal form for the a/m vehicles. Release Note AVS/3942 of 19 Jul 46 authorising Release to the Italian Army is attached.

Collection to be made
29/7

See 82 B
See 82 A

A Q 137

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Subject : Releases - 'A' Vehicles.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
Tel. 469081 Ext. 407

Q . 137

22 July 46

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following vehicles are available for collection from 11 Return Vehicle Park, NAPLES.

Authority : ESD/81/3B of 14 Jun 46

Q	Vehicle Release Note No	AVR/8937	of	16 Jul 46
ORD	"	DOS/8937	"	17 Jul 46

<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Destination</u>
1	Staghounds I (T 17 E I) Class II	7	(a)

Note (a) to be notified by War Ministry.

2. You are requested to notify H.Q. 10 Territorial Command destination and arrange for the collection of these vehicles as soon as possible.

HRL/lm

H.R. Lockett
 H.R. LUCKETT, Major
 for Major General
 M.M.I.A.

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Copy to : H.Q. 10 B.I.U. - To report progress.

INTERNATIONAL

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H.R. LOCKETT, Major General
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

1953

HRL/lm

Copy to : H.Q. 10 B.L.U. - To report progress.

- INTERNAL : G(Ops & SD)
- : G(Trg)
- : Q Accounts - Confirm receipt of vouchers to Q
- : ORD
- : RENE
- : Liaison.

B. ...
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, CMF
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. AVR/ B937Date 16 July 46To: MMIA for Italian Army

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	M.T. Code	Description of Vehicles	Class	Park/Group
7		Staghounds I (T 17 E 1)	II	11 RVP
		To be issued on loan		

Remarks: Ex 11 RVP. Fit and serviced with complete kits MMIA to arrange collection.1952

Release Instructions

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
2. GHQ Q (AE) release and Ord Directorate release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

[Signature] Brigadier
XXXXXX
Q (AE)

Distribution :

Ord Directorate RAC

File

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STATE:- Malaya's Armored Cars

Land Forces (Mal) Commission A.C.,
M.F.I.A.
R.O.M.F.
✓ 4.157

9 July 1946

TO : War Ministry

70-AT

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1. Ref 5/2761 of 13 June 1946 and further to 4.157 of 13 June 46
The position in Malaya is understood to be as follows :

			<u>DRAWN</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	
162	✓ (a)	CO. SR.	162	-	
23	(b)	Army	35	47	59
-	(c)	Reserve	-	40	40
<u>191</u>		Total	<u>197</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>99</u>

2. Of the balance of 87 G.L.L.C. units it is hoped to make them available from vehicles at present in use by the Allies.

3. Please acknowledge and advise.

Revised figures given by Major Store. 24/7
MofW will confirm in writing

[Signature] RAC

H. A. GERRARD Col.,
For Major General
M.F.I.A.

See 58

Internal : "G"
O.S.R. Rec.

11/17/46

[Signature]

~~ADMG~~ 11/6-13/6/46

(17)

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1. Lt Col MERRINO
Barracks at VIVALLI and CIVILLI - 6 Oct

(Signed from 1 AM dated 12/5).
The barracks at VIVALLI and CIVILLI cannot be vacated yet. MERRINO
spoke to Genl THIN who says it would be extremely awkward to
give up these barracks as there is no other suitable accommodation
for ORSINA Div.
The barracks at AZZURRI and SORRELLA are suggested; the latter
could accommodate 2000 b/s.

2. Col BALABIANO
157 ref 1/4/3 of 6/5/45 from 6 BIR
(see 103 10/10 June para 4)

(a) BALABIANO again speaks to the director of AMAR who
discusses all knowledge of 12 Veh Pk or 24 170 Carriers.
An officer from VI Terr Comd will be sent to FOLLI to
investigate.

(b) Ministry of War knew nothing about handing over of 12 Veh
Pk "in toto" to Ministry of "Supply" or any other Ministry.
Ministry of Supply (Ministers dell'Alimentazione) only
deals with fuel.
BALABIANO will ask VI Terr Comd to enquire.

(c) was given by BALABIANO the proposed plan of barracks at ORSINA
and needed now to draw.

3. Gen VICTORIA
Control of manufacture of clothing, expt etc for It Army.

War Ministry control only exists where Army contracts are concerned.
The "Direzione Comandamento" of the Terr Comd of the area where
factory is situated sees to the proper execution of contracts.
Otherwise all factories are free to work on private contracts and
order to meet market requirements.

4. Col VICTORIA III Office - Cabinet
enquiry by USR re Operation A 227 of 13/6/46

5. Genl THIN
Handed Col VICTORIA this enquiry. He would reply through this HQ
giving a few particulars which would interest USR.

6. Col PIGNO-PERAZZA (P.R.O.)

(a) Arranged meeting with Major ILLIUS (P.R.O., AG.) 14 June
Major ILLIUS, sent to Col P.V., was also present. Col

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Col BALACHANDRAN
137 of 3/5/46. 170 Carriers ex 12 Veh pk FORMI.
(see 100 4-10 June para 4)

(a) BALACHANDRAN spoke to the director of ARAM who
discusses all knowledge of 12 Veh pk or the 170 Carriers.
an officer from VI Barr Camp will be sent to PARULI to
investigate.

UT ref 1/1/3 of 6/6/45 from 6 BHU

(b) Ministry of War know nothing about handling over of 12 Veh
pk "in toto" to Ministry of "Supply" or any other ministry.
Ministry of Supply (Ministero dell'Alimentazione) only
deals with food.
BALACHANDRAN will ask VI Barr camp to explain.

(c) Has given by BALACHANDRAN to persons plus of names at camp
assigned and handling over to them.

MINISTRI DELLA
Control of manufacture of clothing, eqpt etc for It Army.

War Ministry control only exists where Army contracts are concerned.
The "Ministero (Commissionato)" of the War Dept of the area where
factory is situated sees to the proper execution of contracts.
Furthermore all factories are tied to work on private contracts and
conform to meet market requirements.

Col VITTORELLA III Office - Cabinet
Reply by BARRE re Quartermaster A 277 of 13/5/46

Replied Col VITTORELLA this enquiry. He would reply through this HQ
giving a few particulars which would interest them.

Col PIGNA-VERGARA (P.R.O.)

(a) Arranged meeting with Major LARANGE (P.R.O., AD.) 14 June
Major LARANGE, asst to Col P.V., was also present. Col
V's attended.
Col P.V. had not read to learn from PRO AD.

(b) Replied P.R.O. pursuant of HQ for publication in the "Bo-
tticario dell'Aviazione" with suitable captions announcing
COO's approaching departure. Mention will be made of
Italian decoration awarded.

Handwritten notes on the right side of the page, including names like "Pignone" and "Vergara" and dates like "13/5/46".

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Handwritten notes in the middle-right area, including "War Ministry" and "Control of manufacture".

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6/22/45

(a) BALAZZANO again spoke to the Director of ARAR who discloses all knowledge of 12 Veh pk or the 170 Carriers. An office from VI Barr Comd will be sent to PULLA to investigate.

(b) 27 Jul 24/3 of 6/5/45 from 6 HUJ

(c) Ministry of War knew nothing about handling over of 12 Veh pk "in toto" to Ministry of Supply or any other Ministry. Ministry of Supply (Ministero dell'Alimentazione) only deals with food. *Ministero dell'Alimentazione*

(d) Was given by Balazzano the proposed plan of vehicle at CMO- *Ministero dell'Alimentazione*

Ministero dell'Alimentazione
Control of manufacture of clothing, eqpt etc for 15 Army.

War Ministry control only exists where Army contracts are concerned. The "Ministero dell'Alimentazione" of the Barr Comd of the area where factory is situated seen to the proper execution of contracts. Other than all factories are free to work on private contracts and extensive to meet market requirements.

Col VITTORIA LLI Office - Cabinet Inquiry by USR to Spuntina, A 227 of 13/6/46

Handed Col VITTORIA this enquiry. He would reply through this HQ giving a few particulars which would interest USR.

Col PIERRE-CASTAZZA (P.R.O.)

(a) Arranged meeting with Major LIANOS (P.R.O., AC.) 14 June Major LIANOS, asst to Col P.V., was also present. Col P.V. had not much to learn from PRO AO.

(b) Handed P.R.O. portrait of SAC for publication in the "Militario dell'Esercito" with suitable caption announcing GOA's approaching departure. Mention will be made of Italian decoration awarded.

Handwritten: "Militario dell'Esercito" caption ready

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FROM : M M I A DATE - TIME OF ORIGIN
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 WAR MINISTRY
 REF : Q.985 UNCLASSIFIED

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REFERENCE Q.137 3 JUNE SUBJECT CARRIERS HELD BY 12
 VEHICLE PARK FORLI STOP NOW REPORTED 170 CARRIERS
 UNIVERSAL MK I CLASS 2 RELEASED TO MINISTRY SUPPLY
 FOR ITALIAN GOVERNMENT UNDER AUTHORITY DOS/3/21 (3)
 16 JAN 46 NOT RECEIVED THIS HQ STOP WAR MINISTRY
 UNABLE COLLECT WITHOUT AUTHORITY STOP REQUEST EARLY
 CONFIRMATION CARRIERS ARE FOR DIRECT DELIVERY ITALIAN
 ARMY STOP

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INT : ORD

PRECEDENCE

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AUTHENTICATION

Alley

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FILE - 1/27

AQMG 75T

TRANSLATION

From: Mil. Ferr. Command, Bologna
To : M. of W.
Ref: I2506/R
Date: 21st June 46

Subject: Vehicles of the 12th Vehicle Park, Forli. -

Ref. your signal n° I4079/038648/MI dated 17th inst. and further to our teleprint n° I2531/R dated 20th inst, we would inform you that:

Hq 6 BLU, Bologna, which was approach by this Command with a view to obtaining authority to inspect the 12th Veh. Park at Forli, deemed not necessary to release said authority and confirmed that, at that park, there are only 1 Allied carriers.

Simultaneously, the same answer was received from the Garrison Comdr. of Forli who was approached on the matter. Furthermore, Hq 6 BLU stated that the 12th Vehicle Park at Forli holds at present 170 Carrier Universal MKI (star) Class II which were assigned to the Italian Military Admin. - It seems that these have been not been withdrawn because the Allied G HQ did not inform M.M.I.A. - Hq 6 BLU states that the M. of W. should be approached on the matter so that a copy of the letter authorising release, may be obtained.

sgd. Rampe
Col.

C.F.

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We would inform you that:

Hq 6 BLU, Bologna, which was approached by this Command with a view to obtaining authority to inspect the 12th Veh. Park at Forli, deemed not necessary to release said authority and confirmed that, at that park, there are only 4 Allied carriers.

Simultaneously, the same answer was received from the Garrison Comdr. of Forli who was approached on the matter.

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Sub 76

G.F.

sgd. Rempa
Col.

1948

ADMG

Ref 12 Veh Park
from memo
28 June

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TH	✓
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A.D. 1

Subject : Issue of "A" Vehicles

6 British Liason Unit
Tel : 217 Area 415
Ref : Q/4/3
18 June 1946

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission, A/C
(MMIA) R O M E

Further to this HQ letter Q/4/3 of 6 June '46, and in confirmation of telephone conversation of to-day, Lt.Col. R.A. CURTIES/WRITER speaking.

1. It is understood that 170 Carriers Universal Mk I (Star) condition Class II, fully kitted and serviced, are awaiting collection by ITALIAN Army Authorities, from 12 Vehicle Park, FORLÌ.
2. These vehicles were released under GHQ authority DOS 3/21(3) dated 16 Jan. '46, which is endorsed "Issued to Ministry of Supply for Italian Government - Mode of conveyance, collection by Italian representative".
3. It is understood that an official of ARAR, BOLOGNA, has been informed of this matter for some considerable time, and was supposedly arranging collection : it would appear therefore, that not being personally interested, he failed to pass on the information.
4. The matter is being further investigated, and a completed report will follow.

TO	
A/P	

VIEW/AM

[Signature]
Major DAA & CME
6 BLU

*Play thing
to discuss
with
DAD
AAC*

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : M.M.I.A.

Ref: 6/3/61/S
Date: 13/6/45

Subject: Steghound Armoured Cars. -

Reference letter Q/137 dated 6/6/45.

We would point out that the 16 armoured cars drawn from the 2730 Command Delivery Squadron and at present stored at the 100 A.V.F.; have been included in the 188 armoured cars referred to in the 1^o para of our letter 6/2504/S dated 2 June.

These 16 armoured cars are actually part of the number of 16 armoured cars laid down for C.C.R.R. training scale and are to be transferred to Rome at the disposal of the Armoured Car School which also arranges training for C.C.R.R. The transfer to Rome has been temporarily suspended due to the present political situation.

Consequently we point out and confirm that the total number of armoured cars which are still to be drawn is 103 and therefore the 16 armoured cars at present at the 100 A.V.F. will be excluded from this number.

SAK

sgd. Meloni
Col.

To sign	
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from the 373rd Command Delivery Squadron and at present stored at the 100 A.V.P.; have been included in the 153 armoured cars referred to in the 1^o para of our letter 6/2004/3 dated 2 June.

These 15 armoured cars are actually part of the number of 16 armoured cars laid down for C.S.M. training since and are to be transferred to Rome at the disposal of the Armoured Car School which also arranges training for C.C.R.

The transfer to Rome has been temporarily suspended due to the present political situation.

Consequently we point out and confirm that the total number of armoured cars which are still to be drawn is 100 and therefore the 15 armoured cars at present at the 100 A.V.P. will be excluded from this number.

BAK

sgt. Meloni
Col.

TO SUB	
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SUBJECT: Stephens Approved Cars.

Headquarters Air Commission A.C.,
H.M.I.A.
R.O.M.

✓ 157
13 June 1946

TO: WAR MINISTRY

Ref: ~~...~~ 157 dated 5 June 46.

1. Please amend para 1 to read as follows:

(a)	CCSR	160
(b)	Army	82
(c)	Reserve	60
		<u>290</u>

not part of 168
all 70 AF

2. The balance to be drawn after collecting the 15 held by 40 RVR is therefore 157 concerning which you will be informed when they are released.

! → 122 - 87 = 35 ?

290
168
<u>122</u>
10
<u>112</u>
87
<u>625</u>

See (73)
where are they?

RAC
S.A. QUINLAN Lt. Col.,
for Major General
H.M.I.A.

290	890
87	168
<u>203</u>	<u>122</u>

3. OMS in conjunction with RVR will
kind please notify (25) OMS that the total
number now required is 290 (NOT 335
authorized by (31)) and that we now
require release of 107 plus maintenance
for 12 months for 290.

Subject : Issue of "A" Vehicles

6 British Liason Unit
 Tel : 217 Area 415
 Ref : Q/4/3
6 June 1946

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission A/C
 (NMIA)
ROME - C.M.F.

1. It is understood that 12 Vehicle Park, FORLI', is in the process of handing over "in toto" to the Italian Ministry of Supply: as the number of vehicles involved is from 3000 to 3500, no fixed date of completion is available.

2. Availability of carriers held, as at 6 June '46, hereunder :

Class	I	18
"	II	219
"	III	732
"	IV	328
"	VI	81
Unclassified		181

Your Q 137 of 3 June refers.

*Stohe Balanzino
 Le Los Ltd
 ARAB
 26 June
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 & will follow up*

*Major DAA & QMG
 6 BLU
 50074
 D. C. Oxley*

WHW/ar

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SUBJECT:- Staghound Armour Cars.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.137
6 June 1946

TO : War Ministry

Ref your 6/2504/Serv. dated 2 June 1945.

1. It is agreed the total number of "Staghound" to be held as reserve may be raised to 40 leaving the distribution as under :

(a)	CC.RR.	168	Md. Bn. 144 Eng 24 = 168
(b)	Army	63	Div 70 Eng 12 = 82
(c)	Reserve	40	Reserve = 40
		<u>271</u>	<u>290</u>

2. Of the balance to be drawn viz. (b) & (c) total 103, 15 are already held by 10 E.V.P. Naples, having been collected under arrangements 10 B.L.U. from 273 Command Delivery Squadron.

You are requested to arrange for these to be delivered as soon as possible to 6 E.V.P. Bologna.

3. You will be informed when the balance may be collected as soon as details are available. The question of adequate maintenance spare parts and gear oil has been taken up with the Allied HQ.

R.A. Curties
R.A. Curties, Lt.col.,
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : 10 BLU ref. 39 29 May 46
6 BLU

Internal : "G"
ORD
MEME

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Local Forces Sub-Committee A.C.G.
H.A.L.
R.O.H.

3 JUN 1946

TO : Mr. [unclear] (By [unclear])

1. It is reported that H.A.L. are taking delivery of 170 Overseas, Class I from 12 Vehicle Park, 28 Vehicle Company, N.W.H.L.
2. While the direct value of "1" vehicles is being registered it would be necessary that you should not lose any opportunity of acquiring allied surplus material of value to the Army.

In view of the present state of affairs in the divisions it is of importance to secure these new being collected by H.A.L.

3. You are requested to state:-

- (a) If you have been notified of these vehicles being available,
- (b) what action you have or can take to secure possession of them.
- (c) If not referred to the Army can it be ascertained what use H.A.L. intend to put them to.

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Major General,
H.A.L.

1. It is requested that A.S.A.'s, who taking delivery of 170 Couriers, Class I from 12 Vehicle Park, 30 Vehicle Company, Seoul,

2. While the direct returns of "A" vehicles is being requested it remains necessary that you should not lose any opportunity of acquiring allied surplus material of value to the Army.

In view of the present status of couriers in the Divisions it is of importance to ensure those not being collected by A.S.A.'s.

3. You are requested to state:-

- (a) if you have been notified of those vehicles being available, *see 11*
- (b) what action you have or can take to ensure possession of them.
- (c) If not returned to the Army can it be accounted what was A.S.A.'s, intends to put them to

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PLAC 1952
L. Major General,
A.S.A.

Copy to:- G.D.I.S. -- (a) to ascertain what instructions will from when 12 vehicles have received, (b) to report on present availability of couriers.

Zatormali: WY
GSD
RER

RAC/cw

See 69

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SUBJECT: "A" Vehicles - Issues of to Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub-Commissions A.C.,
U.M.I.A.
R.O.M.R.

6.137
3 June 1946

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TO : C.M.C.

1. Under reference (HQ 5137/41 of 7 May 46 the Ordnance Directorate were authorized to release inter alia some 2,000 "A" vehicles. Details have not yet been received as to what will actually be available.

2. It has however been reported that at 12 Vehicle Park, 38 Vehicle Bay, Weybridge, A.R.A., in pending delivery of some 170 carriers in Class I condition. The War Ministry are being pressed to cede possession of these vehicles.

3. It would appear that these form part of surplus "A" vehicles disposed of to the Ministry of Supply to which reference was made in this R.C. Letter 4,003 of 11 February 46.

4. My instructions be issued to suspend issue to A.R.A.R. of Class I "A" vehicles and to authorize direct release of these vehicles to the Italian Army.

It is not known what instructions have been received by 12 Vehicle Park but it would appear at variance with your above quoted letter of 7 May to issue sufficient vehicles to the Ministry of Supply for A.R.A.R.

RAC
Major General,
U.M.I.A.
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1. Under reference GEM 5159/GI of 7 May 46 the Ordnance Directorate were authorized to release into the sea 2,000 "A" vehicles. Details have not yet been received as to what will actually be available.

2. It has however been reported that at 22 Veinola Park, 38 Vehicle Coy, Royal A.S.L.C., in taking delivery of some 170 carriers in Class I condition. The War Ministry are being pressed to claim possession of these vehicles.

3. It would appear that these form part of surplus "A" vehicles disposed of to the Ministry of Supply to which reference was made in this R.O. letter 3005 of 18 February 46.

4. My instructions to issued to myself issue to A.S.L.C. of Class I "A" vehicles and to authorize direct release of these vehicles to the Italian Army.

It is not known what instructions have been received by 12 Vehicle Park but it would appear at variance with you above quoted letter of 7 May to issue efficient vehicles to the Ministry of Supply for A.S.L.C.

RAC
1944
Major General,
A.S.L.C.

Internal : "G"
GEM
RASH

RMG/nc

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BRANSTATION

FROM: M. O. H.
TO : MILIA

REF: M/2504/Serv
DATE: 2/5/46

Subject: Armoured cars Stagnound.

Ref. letter 59/109/1 dated 28th March, and 2/137 dated 23/3/45.

1 - It is hereby confirmed that the armoured cars withdrawn until this day (except those previously handed over on loan to the armoured cars school) are 168.

The number of armoured cars still to be withdrawn are:
--63 for the Army

--28 to be held in reserve.

For the withdrawal of the above, your instructions are awaited. AS FAR AS ARMOURD CARS TO BE HELD IN RESERVE ARE CONCERNED, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE NUMBER COULD BE INCREASED FROM 26 TO 40. -

2 - Instructions will be issued to all Territorial Military Commands as regards to the maintenance and repairs to the armoured cars to be carried out at the repair units and at the main W/SHOP OF BOLOGNE.

3 - The formation of a reserve armoured car section at the E/P of the UARS at BOLOGNE, will be done as soon as the armoured cars will be issued and that, according to the instructions, are still to be WITHDRAWN.

4 - With the occasion we point out the necessity ^{of} which the scale of issue of spare parts ^(parts) for said armoured cars for 12 months be issued as soon as possible.

These spare parts will be stored at ^{the} Allied spare parts base depot of BOLOGNE.

Among the supplies which have a great importance and

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until this day (except those previously mentioned) are 168.

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--63 for the Army
--28 to be held in reserve.

For the withdrawal of the above, your instructions are awaited. As far as armoured cars to be held in reserve are concerned, we would like to know whether the number could be increased from 28 to 40. -

- 2 - instructions will be issued to all Territorial Military Commands as regards to the maintenance and repairs to the armoured cars to be carried out at the repair units and at the main W/shop of Bologna.
- 3 - the formation of a reserve armoured car section at the W/F of the OAHM at Bologna, will be done as soon as the armoured cars will be issued and that, according to the instructions, are still to be withdrawn.
- 4 - With the occasion we point out the necessity ^{of} which the scale of issue of spare parts for said armoured cars for 12 months be issued as soon as possible.
These spare parts will be stored at ^{the} specialised spare parts base Depot of Bologna.
Among the supplies which have a great importance and urgency, is the special oil for the gear-boxes.

See you

sgd. Linzai
Gen.

TO SEE	
1/8	✓
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0.2	✓
RESERVE	✓

G.F.

Copy to - G(SD)

A Q137
5/6/46
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SUBJECT:- Stagounds - Collection of
for Scuole Autoblindisti ROMÉ.

10 British Liaison Unit
FORTE DEL GRECO
Tel: 55602 NAPLES
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29 MAY 46

Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC.,
(MILIA) ROMÉ.

Reference attached signals from the CC.RR HQ, NAPLES,
I have the following to report :-

1. On the morning of the 24 May 46 I received a telephone message from Lieut LEVINSON, 273 Arm'd Delivery Sqn., requesting that 15 Stagounds be collected. At the time I supposed these Stagounds were for the CC.RR, so passed the information to the CC.RR IO.
2. On the same day the CC.RR IO contacted CC.RR HQ and it was discovered that these Stagounds were for the Driving School, ROMÉ.
3. The attached messages were despatched but nothing came of them. As the Arm'd Delivery Sqn is moving I have had the Stagounds moved to

10 PARCO VIOGOLI EFFICIENTI
NAPLES.

4. May arrangements please be made for the collection of these Stagounds (15 NOT 16 as quoted in the attached signals).

5. Lieut LEVINSON stated to me that an Italian officer had visited the Coy from ROMÉ and had been instructed to fetch the vehicles at some earlier date. It would appear that the fault of non-collection lies entirely with the Scuole Autoblindisti, TOR DI QUINO, ROMÉ.

6. This BLU cannot accept any responsibility for the condition of the Stagounds on collection.

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TO SER	
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Mr. M. J. Fairbridge
Lt Col,
GS.

A 9.137
31/5/39

TRANSLATION

FROM : Territorial Legion OCCE, Naples REF : 2842/25-199-2
TO : ARMOURD CAR SCHOOL, Torliquinto OCCE Date : 24 May 46 Naples
SUBJECT : CADIE

Allied car park of Naples have ready 16 Staghound cars to release your school.
stop. Please send urgently personnel responsible to draw and transport , this
personnel must be provided with necessary towing material.

Col, Mauro

1938

TRANSLATION

Date : Naples 25 May 1946

C A B L E

TO : ARMoured CAR SCHOOL

2842/25-199-3 Allied Car park of Naples have ready 16 Stagbound cars to release your school STOP Please send urgently specialised personnel responsible to draw and transport , this personnel must be provided with necessary towing material , ~~informing that~~ Allied HQ has communicated if personnel do not present themselves before 0900 hours 27th, inst, these vehicles will not be handed over stop. C.C.CCR.Legion Naples Col.Mauro
Nelice

1937

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URGENT - IMMEDIATE - AIRMAIL

Lord Justice Sub-Commission 4.0.6.7

M.A.S.A.
R.O.H.H.

7.357
23 May 1965

TO : Mr. Secretary

1. Reference is made to your letter of 21 May 65. The investigation of British insured cars is shown in Appendix "A".

2. It is considered essential that special arrangements be made without delay for the maintenance and repair of these vehicles.

3. Action is being taken to obtain at the earliest possible date maintenance spare parts for these vehicles in order that they may be held at BIRKENHEAD.

4. You are advised to institute the following measures:

(a) Instruct International Compendia that sources that should be required by C.I.R. Units are to be carried to any Agency Unit.

Special instructions should be issued regarding:

(i) Care and maintenance of these vehicles including repairs while awaiting repairs.

(ii) Prompt provision of facilities for spares required to be held.

(b) Systems as part of No. 6 S.P.P., a special section to hold and maintain insured cars pending delivery to Britain.

(c) Arrangements for early replacement from No. 6 S.P.P. of insured cars transferred to base operations at BIRKENHEAD.

Please confirm such action is being taken.

1936

1. Reference to this II. of the... of British... is shown in Appendix A.

2. It is considered essential that special arrangements be made... maintenance... for these vehicles in order that... be... action is being taken to obtain of the... date... held at....

3. You are advised to instruct the following measures:

- (a) Insure... that... which... to be... to any....
- (b) Special instructions should be issued regarding... (1) Care and maintenance of these vehicles... (2) except... 1936... (3)... to... of... (4) Arrangements for early replacement from No. 6... of... (5) Care... at...

Please confirm such action is being taken.

Sub... AAE
 Sub... F. Major...
 Sub...
 cc LR

10/10

Appendix

PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION - STAGHOUND ARMoured CARS.

Territorial Command	C. C. R. R.		A R M Y		RESERVE	
	Entitlement	Received	Entitlement	Received	Entitlement	Received
1	14	14	14			
2	12	12	14			
3	12	12	14			
4			14			
5	12	12				
6	12	12			2840	
7	14	14	14			
8 (Incl. SARDINIA)	56	56	14			
9	12	12				
10	12	12				
11	12	12				
BALANCE UNALLOTTED						
TOTAL	168	168	65 82	NIL	2840	NIL

(a)

(b)

Released
148
25
Approved

Appendix "A" to Q.137 of 23 May 46.

PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION - STAGHOUND ARMORED CASE.

S. R.	A R M Y		RESERVE		BALANCE		TOTAL	
	Entitlement	Received	Entitlement	Received	Entitlement unallotted	Received	Entlt.	Recvd.
14	14						28	14
12	14						26	12
12	14						26	12
	14						14	
12							12	12
12							48	12
12			40				28	14
14	14				136		68	56
56	Aug 8/12				+ 12 Reserve (b)		12	12
12					124		12	12
12					+ 19 Army (a)		12	12
12					105		12	12
12							12	12
							138	
							138	
168	55 82	NIL	28 40	NIL	105	NIL	290	168

(a)

(b)

Released 168
 + 25
 = 193
 Total 280
 x 13 = 364

 290

Final 48
 Released 22/7
 Air Force 79-80-81

(53)

From : GHQ CC.RR. - Communication - Armament -
Motorisation Office.

To : LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, AC, MEMIA - ROME

Subject : Repair of Staghound Armd cars.

Date : 18 May 46.

Ref Nr : 126/3/CAM

OPINION

Further to this Office letter Nr. 126/2-CAM dated 7 May 1946 we call again your attention to the absolute necessity for the CORR's Staghounds to be repaired in Allied Workshops depending from the R.E.M.E. which are provided with workers and technicians specialized with the above vehicles.

It is pointed out that both Workshops depending from the Army HQ and those being constituted within Mob. Bns are unfit for such kind of work and have no personnel specialized in repairs of Staghounds.

As the efficiency of these vehicles is now of highest importance, please consider the matter.

Sgd: Mario SACCHI, Colonel
Chief of Staff

1934

Transl/Rb/lmr

See 62

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Subject: Staghounds for the Italian Army.
Ord Directorate.

G.H.Q. C.M.F.
8159/Q1.
15 May 46.

Reference this Branch letter GHO/8159/Q(AR) of 7 Mar 46.

Will you please arrange in addition to issue the following sets for the staghounds which are being released from 293 Armd Del Sqn to the Italian Army for the Carabinieri.

- Mk II Power sets 8
- Mk III " " 1
- Mk II Complete sets 2

TO SEE	
A/Q	✓
Q	✓
Q. 1	✓
Q. 2	✓
ORD	✓
REMB	✓

[Handwritten signature]

J.J. PROUTY, Major,
for Brigadier, DCM.

JJP/DY.

Copy to: Land Forces Com Commission (MFA), H, AO, ROME.
G(SD).
RAC.
Sigs (B).

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I Q 137
Copy to: G(SD) -
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Q 55

SUBJECT: Collection of Armoured Cars.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
Italian Central Military Schools.
(Tel: ROME 66348/9).

Ref: G.23/1105
10 May 46.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (AMIA).

RECEIVED 13 MAY 1946
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Herewith, for information, please find copy of a
letter from the Armoured Car School on the above subject.

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Colonel.
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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Q 131932

Ref: G.23/1105

10 May 46.

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To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MSTA).

Herewith, for information, please find copy of a
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Colonel,
Cmd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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C O P Y

CARRIER SCHOOL H.Q.

3 May 46.

M. 560/S di prot.

SUBJECT: Collection of Armoured Cars.

1. By order of the Central Military Schools H.Q. (see teleg. N. 2844/Add) - direct agreements having been taken between M.M.I.A. and S.M.R.E. - Capt. BARTOLI was sent to Naples on the 29 April last with 32 men to draw 16 "Staghounds" T.17

2. According to letter n. 01/2688/ of the 16 Apr. 46 of that H.Q. there should have been in Posillipo a V.P.5 but in reality there is only an A.D.S. 273 there, with 16 "Staghounds" available.

The British Captain in charge of the above Stores, however, would not hand over the 16 "Staghounds" owing to the fact that all of them were lacking of spare parts and the wireless fittings quite inefficient, nor would he accept the proposal of Captain Bartoli to hand over the vehicles in the actual condition while the missing spare parts could be supplied at another time.

3. At Naples there is a V.P.5 (not at Posillipo) with 13 "Staghounds" T.17. available.

4. Captain Bartoli and his men came back to Rome on the 2 May last.

(Sgd) T.Col. Alberto Guzzinati
COMANDANTE.

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Subject : Ammunition for Armoured Cars.

LAND FORCES SUB COMD. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Tel. 478103

Q. 137
6 May 46

TO : Ministry of War.

14 AT
005 27/5

Ref your 4/1067/SERV. of 27 April 46.

Herewith copy of this H.Q. signal Q/03/490 of 29 April 46 addressed to 9 B.I.U. BARI.

E.W.B.
E.W. BRADLEY,
Major Innicks
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

BWB/lm

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THE FIRST PART OF THIS REPORT IS A SUMMARY OF THE WORK DONE IN THE
LABORATORY DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1.10.10 TO 31.10.10
AND THE SECOND PART IS A SUMMARY OF THE WORK DONE IN THE
FIELD DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1.10.10 TO 31.10.10

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RECEIVED 2 APR 1946
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PROF V LAEE NR 45

A AFHQ 281238B

TO NMIA

GR BT

C40450 UNCLASS FROM GHQ CMF

/REF YOUR Q93011 Q903 OF QW APR

SEE DISTWO SD2/4901 OF 24 APR . ARE THESE 30 HUNDR FOUR

PART OF TOTAL 45 YOU HOLD AS IN OUR ESD/S1/3F OF 15 MAR

PARA TWO AMENDED TO READ 45 INFM LT COL CURTIES

BT

281238B

SENT NR 45 DC AR TNX

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SIGNALS

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SEE 50

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Translation

From M.of W.

To M.M.I.A.

Ref. 4/IO67/SERV.

Date 27/4/46.

Subject Ammunition for Armoured Cars. *SD 52*

Reference letter SD/IO9I dated 28/3/46 and verbal agreement between Lt.Col.Olivetti and Lt.Col. Curties.

- 1 - Up to date 168 of the 385 armoured cars referred to in the a/m letter have been delivered.
- 2 - In the attached list is shown, whether each vehicle is armed with a 37 mm. or Browning M.G., the quantities of ammunition required for the 168 armoured cars issued, showing separately;
 - the scale of issue of ammunition for each vehicle;
 - the 1° and 2° line scale of ammunition issue;
 - a first requirement of ammunition for training calculated on the basis of 50% of the scale of issue for the vehicle.
- 3 - In order to fully equip the units which are to employ the armoured cars, we ask you to kindly arrange the allocation of the ammunition required for the 168 vehicles already delivered as soon as possible, concerning which, in particular, it is necessary to have available at once the quantities of ammunition required for the immediate training of personnel.

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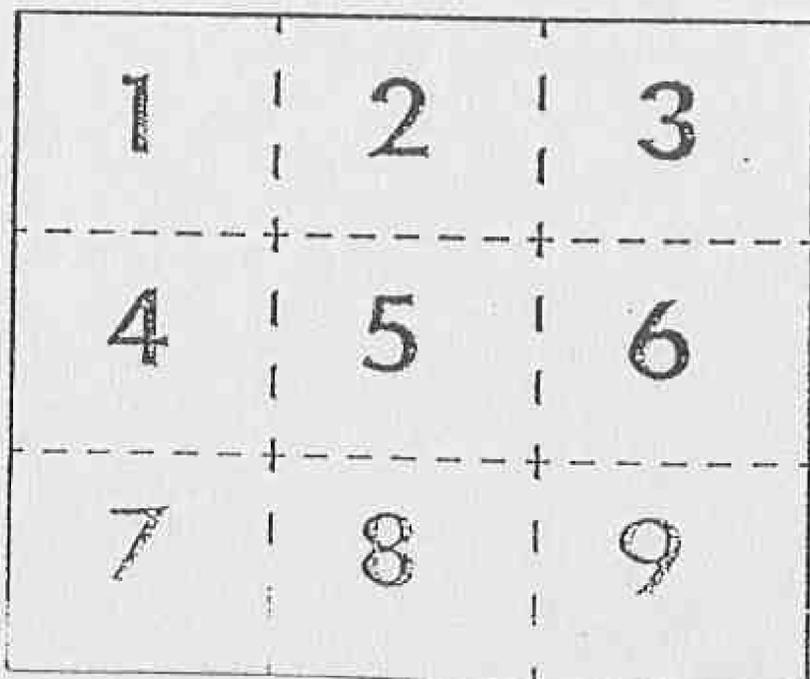
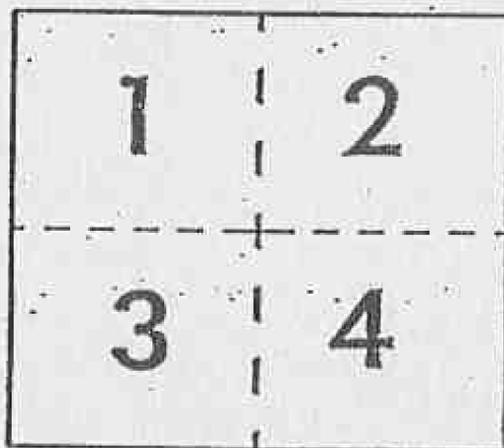
Col.N.Meloni.

See photo 41
See 205/29/5
Folio 21
RAC

A Q 137

MAPS AND CHARTS TOO LARGE TO FILM
ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE
BEGINNING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER,
LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



Alleg.

Scales of ammo. laid down for "Stagha"
 DOTAZIONI DI MUNIZIONI PREVISTE PER LE AUTOBLINDATE

37 mm. Gun
 Cannone da 37 mm.

n° delle armi	Scale per weapon					Scale for all weapons					Numero delle armi	Scale Dotaz
	Sul veicolo	Ris. 1°	Ris. 2°	Per addestramento	Totale	sul veicolo	Riser 1°	Riser 2°	Per addestramento	Totale		
168	103	40	50	52	245	17304	6720	8400	8736	41160	504	2375
				(2)	(1)							

Each armored car is armed with

Ogni autoblindo è armata di :

- *1-37mm. gun.*
- cannoni da 37. mm. n. 1
- *3- Browning 11.63.*
- mitragliatrice Browning .300 n.3

- of which :*
- (1) - delle quali: 4/10 dirompenti *1/10 sharpnel*
 - 5/10 perforanti *5/10 A.P.*
 - 1/10 a tempo *1/10 time fuse*

- (2) - Rappresenta un primo quantitativo per le esigenze immediate di addestramento *Represents a primary quantity for immediate training requirements*

Allegato 1 al foglio 4/1067/Serv. del 28.4.1946.

Order for "Staghound" (British) Armoured Cars.
VISTE PER LE AUTOBLINDO TIPO "STANGHOUND" (BRITANNICHE)

M.G.-S.
Mitragliatrice Browning .300

Armi	Numeri delle armi	Scale per weapon Dotazione per arma				Scale for all weapons Dotazione per il totale delle armi					
		sul veicolo	Riserva 1 ^a linea	Riserva 2 ^a linea	Per addestramento	Totali	sul veicolo	Riserva 1 ^a linea	Riserva 2 ^a linea	Per addestramento	Totali
50	504	2375	2000	2875	1138 (2)	8438	1197000	1003000	1449000	598752	4252752

mediate di addestramento.
 training requirements.



SUBJECT: Message Priorities.

Lead Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
1500/1/1.
12 April 46.

TO: Signal Officer, R.A.A.C.

1. Ref your X/24/1 dated 9 April 46.

2. Message, originator's number 4897, Date-time of origin 084245, originated by "H" Branch at this HQ, and signed by the D.A.A.M.C.(I), Major S.W. BRADLEY, necessitated a reply from 1 A.R.C., in the North of Italy, in time for action to be taken on that reply by 1200 hrs. 9 April. If this action had not been taken a rail bid, already made, involving about 180 freight wagons, would have been wasted.

3. The necessity for the origination of the message was consequent upon the receipt from 1 A.R.C. of an amendment to a message that had never been received at this HQ. The latter message, dealing with the release of 180 Stagbound Armoured Cars, was expected to arrive at this HQ only shortly before the Cars were due to be picked up by rail transport, and the last-minute arrival of not the message but an amendment to it, naturally rendered an urgent request for the message itself essential.

4. I would be grateful if investigations could be instituted regarding the non-delivery of this message. The message had originator's number 1010/579, Date-time of origin unknown: the amendment to it had originator's number 1010/585, Date-time of origin 050845 B. Both of course were addressed to HQ, M.M.I.A. from 1 A.R.C. 1925

5. In conclusion, I wish to point out that the A.A.M.C. of this HQ is at present absent and Major BRADLEY is deputising for him. Other-wise the message referred to in your above-quoted letter, being "Immediate", would have been signed by a Grade I staff officer.

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1. Ref your X/24/4 dated 9 April 46.

2. Message, originator's number 697, Date-time of origin 001215, originated by "C" Branch at this Hq, and signed by the D.A.M.I.C.(I), Major E.W. BRADLEY, necessitated a reply from 1 A.R.G., in the North of Italy, in time for action to be taken on that reply by 1200 hrs. 9 April. If this action had not been taken a rail bid, already made, involving about 100 freight wagons, would have been wanted.

3. The necessity for the origination of the message was consequent upon the receipt from 1 A.R.G. of an amendment to a message that had never been received at this Hq. The latter message, dealing with the release of 100 Staghead Armoured Cars, was expected to arrive at this Hq only shortly before the Cars were due to be picked up by rail transport, and the last-minute arrival of not the message but an amendment to it, naturally rendered an urgent reset for the message itself essential.

4. I would be grateful if investigations could be instituted regarding the non-delivery of this message. The message had originator's number 1010/379, Date-time of origin unknown; the amendment to it had originator's number 1010/383, Date-time of origin 050845 B. Both of course were addressed to "C", M.M.I.A. from 1 A.R.G. 1925

5. In conclusion, I wish to point out that the A.S.M.G. of this Hq is at present absent and Major BRADLEY is deputising for him. Other wise the message referred to in your above-quoted letter, being "Immediate", would have been signed by a Grade I staff officer.

W.H. Marcombe, Major,
W.A.F. MORRISSE, Major,
S.O.R. Signals,
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to: "C", M.M.I.A.

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M.F.I.A.

A.F.H.Q.

Q.903

UNCLASSIFIED

REF YOUR C 37198 OF 16 APRIL STOP CONFIRMED THAT QTY 10
RECEIVED UNDER GHQ/8159/2(AB) OF 8 FEB AND QTY 15 RECEIVED
BY ITI BASE WHP FOR CORR STOP HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OR
CORRESPONDENCE RE QTY 32 FROM DISTWO TO 713 ITI ADM RMST.

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SEE 50 1924

Q 132 ←

Route

E.W. BRADLEY, MAJOR

E.W. Bradley

INFO V. L. 1234 01 24 0 NSXC

FROM AFMC 12102

TO WES

REF BY

C 37121, UNCLASS FROM CMT CMT, SUBJECT

IS BACKGROUND CASE.

ONE. OUR INVESTIGATION NOT CONTACT, ITALIAN ARMY THROUGH TO NEW

CITY ON AS TOLSON, AS UNDER CMT CMT 153/12102 OF 2 FEB 46.

IS ISSUED 3 MARCH BY CMT TO ITALIAN CASE WHP FOR C. CASIMIRI.

BY TUBES 1 AND 4 MARCH BY DISTRO TO V. M. ITALIAN WHP REPT FOR

CASIMIRI.

TWO. ISSUES SINCE OUR 533/12102 OF 13 MARCH NOT INCLUDED.

THREE. PLEASE CONSIDER ABOVE.

BT

CMT 2196 KJG 22

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INFO V METO N 08132
FROM HQ 1 A R G 081700B
TO M M I A
BT

101 C/386 UNCLASS. REF YOUR 08777 0897
THIS HQ SIGNAL 1010/379 REPEATED. QUOTE
THE FOLLOWING A/C STAGROUND T17E1(1) WILL BE ISSUED TO
MMIA FOR ITALIAN ARMY ON COLLECTOR BY UNITS.
THEY WILL BE ISSUED WITH COMPLETE KITS BUT LESS AMM . 5

MMIA
3/09
SIGNALS

- A. EX 273 A D S NAPLES CLASS II QTY 27
 - B. EX 274 A D S FERRARA CLASS I QTY 3 CLASS II QTY 46.8
 - C. EX 276 ABS BOLOGNA CLASS I QTY ONE CLASS II QTY ONE
 - D. EX 279 A D S BOLOGNA CLASS II QTY 11.
- TWO . THE ABOVE WILL BE HELD BY UNITS SHOWN UNTIL
COLLECTED BY MMIA AND NOT TRANSFERRED UNDER
THIS SIGNAL 1010/165 OF MAR 26 .
UNQUOTE .
NOTE THESE ~~FIGURES~~ I

9/11/46
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FIGURES HAVE BEEN AMENDED BY THIS HQ SIGNAL
1010/383 .
BT

SENT NR 132 RME B1
READS NOTE THESE FIGURES HAVE ETC
RD NR 132 JG AT 2355 AR THIS

*Amended to Army before
release*

9 APR 1946
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MMIA 137
TOTAL 89

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M.M.I.A.

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UNCLASSIFIED

REF YOUR SIGNALS 101 0/385 AND 101 0/384 OF 5 STOP YOUR
SIGNAL 101 0/379 NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED THIS HQ STOP
FORWARD IMMEDIATELY

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E. W. Bradley
E. W. Bradley

0.137

E.W. BRADLEY, Major.

LROF V METO NR 05052 QVR 3

FROM A B C 050 15B
TO 273 ARMD DEL SQN ::: 279 ARMD DEL SQN
INFO M I A

CR - ET
100/363 UNCLASS. AMEND THIS HQ SIGNAL 1007777
1010/379 TO READ EX 273 A D S STAGROUND
T17E1(1) CLASS II QTY 28. EX 279 A D S CLASS II
QTY 10 .

BT
CCN WA AD S STAGROUND
SENT NR 052 RMB AR TKS K
RD 051815 CBC KK

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M.M.I.A.
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG Center No : N 53/5
Classification : ~~SECRET~~
Precedence : ROUTINE
From : ARG
To : ACTION MMIA

SECRET

Date | Time Rec'd : 051758B
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Reference NR : 101 C/384
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FOLLOWING ARE EXACT LOCATION OUR SONS CONCERNED IN ISSUE OF STAG HOUNDS TO ITALIAN ARMY. GHQ SIGNAL C 34601 OF MARCH 30 AND ARG SIGNAL 101 C/379 AND 101 C/383 (BOTH TO MMIA) REFERS.

- A. 273 ARMD DEL SQN M1544 FUSILLIPO.
- B. 274 ARMD DEL SQN M105870 FERRARIA
- C. 276 ARMD DEL SQN LB75490 BOLOGNA
- D. 279 ARMD DEL SQN LB97468 BOLOGNA

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A Q 137 (41)

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M.M.I.A.

A.F.H.O.

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REF A.F.H.O. SIGNAL C 33343 OF 25 MAR STOP ALL
STAG HOUNDS ARMED 37MM AND THREE POINT 30 BROWNING.

Q 137

1918

E. W. BRADLEY, MAJOR

E. W. Bradley Major

35

Subject : ARMoured CARS at CESANO.

LAND FORCES SUB COMD. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.) HQMS.
Tel. 478103

Q. 137 —

4 April 1946

TO : 12 B.L.U. CESANO.

1. The armoured cars at present being released to the Italian Army are on loan pending a final decision on the re-equipment of the Italian Army.

2. Your query re cannibalisation will be passed to R.E.M.E. this H.Q. who will inform you of present policy.

SEE 34

EWB
E.W. BRADLEY,
Major Innieks
for Major General
M.F.I.A.

INTERNAL : OED
: R.E.M.E.

EWB/ln

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10/1334

MAJOR H.J. BAMFORD, R.A.C.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT for the Italian
Central Military Schools,

C. M. F.

3 April 1946.

Dear *Bill*

SUBJECT: Armoured Cars.

1/ I have now completed the investigation with regard to the Armoured Car position and results are as follows :-

2/ We have a total of 23 Staghounds and 7 Daimler Scout Cars (Dingo's). Of the 23 Staghounds, 7 are non-runners. All the Dingo's are in running condition and all the Staghounds have complete armament. A list showing Vehicle numbers, armament, faults and remarks is at Appendix 'A' attached.

3/ With regard to the non-running Staghounds I am given to understand that, as the Italians have no spares for these vehicles, in order to get some vehicles back on to the road they intend to canibalize parts from other non-running cars. I would like to have a ruling from you if this can actually be implemented.

4/ The position with regard to the Armoured Cars has never been made very clear; that is to say, whether they are on loan or whether they are to be handed over. I am given to understand they were handed over to the Italian Army in Bologna, prior to our collection, but I would like to have something definite on paper from you.

*Bring forward
hand 3 to
action*
RE 17 E
EWB
11/4

Yours *ever*

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Harry

File 9137

Major E.W. Bradley, Imisks.
H.Q. Land Forces Sub Comm.
AC (MMIA).

APPENDIX "A"

To: 12 BLU letter 10/1334
 dtd. 3 Apr. 46.

NON-RUNNING STAGHOUSES.

<u>Vehicle No.</u>	<u>Armament.</u>	<u>Fault.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
F.215516	ALL	U/S Dynamo.	Exchange.
F.215399	ALL	Gaskets Burnt.	Awaiting Spares.
F.225482	ALL	Gaskets Blown.	Awaiting Spares.
F.215152	ALL	One tyre and inner tube U/S.	Exchange.
F.235604	ALL	Gaskets.	Awaiting Spares.
F.116913	ALL	Clutches need adjusting.	Specialist Job.
F.117008	ALL	Fuel Pump U/S.	Exchange.

DAIMLER SCOUT CARS (DINGOES)

207015	206836	206952	206872	207083
207041	206261			

All Scout Cars running at the moment but two new sets of points are needed for the Distributors. Also acid and distilled water needed for the batteries.

STAGHOUND RUNNERS.

<u>Vehicle No.</u>	<u>Armament.</u>
F.215594	ALL ⁺⁺⁺
F.225511	"
F.116956	"
F.116407	"
F.225305	"
F.214100	"
F.116301	"
F.116943	"
F.235633	"
F.215150	"
F.116746	"
F.116931	"
F.215532	"
F.215220	"
F.116492	"
F.225313	"

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+++ 'ALL' under Armaments designates ONE 37 mm. and THREE .30 Browning M.Gs.

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LRPF V LAEE NR 66 T - MSHO QVR 2
FROM AFHQ ~~3012393~~ 3012393

TO ARC
INFO NMIA

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ALMIA
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SIGNALS

Handwritten: 1/6/46

BT
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UNCLAS FROM GNR GNR . ISSUE TO NMIA FOR ITALIAN ARMY THE FOLLOWING
QUANTITY OF STAGHOND I (TIVEI). CL 1 QTY 4. CLII QTY
85 . ALL WITH COMPLETE KITS . NMIA TO ARRANGE COLLECTION

DIRECT

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SENT NR 66 EF B

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS CMF
Q (AE) BRANCH

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VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 8874

Date 30 MAR 46

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RECEIVED 1 - APR - 1946

To: MOEA
For Italian Army.

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	M.T. Code	Description of Vehicles	Class	Park/Group
77		Staghound I (T17E1) <i>BARON</i> <i>BARON</i> <i>MT. No 3</i>	I	5 VP

Remarks: Ex 5 VP NAPLES. Cl. I fit and serviced, with complete kits. *1013*
to arrange collection.

Release Instructions

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
2. GHQ Q (AE) release and Ord Directorate release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

Tr. R. B. ...
Brigadier,
Q (AE)

Distribution: *G(5D)*
RAC
Ord Directorate *2 copies*
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, MF
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

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RECEIVED

1 - APR 1946

DATE

Ref VR/ 8875

Date 30 Mar 46

To: MMIA
for Italian Army

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	M.T. Code	Description of Vehicles	Class	Park/Group
2		Staghound I (T17E1)	I	12 VP

Remarks: EX 12 VP FORLI. Cl I fit and serviced with complete kits.
MMIA to arrange collection.

Release Instructions

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
2. GHQ Q (AE) release and Ord Directorate release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

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Ord Directorate 2 copies

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Mal Whitehead
Brigadier,
Q (AE)

JL
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M.M.I.A.

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REF GMP 887/81/3P 15 MAR STOP FOR Q(AE) STOP REQUEST ESTIMATE
DATE PLACE AND QUANTITY ISSUE OF STATEMENTS MAY COMBINE

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Supervisor
Blumenthal
R.A. GURTES, Lt. Col.,

RECEIVED 25 MAR 1969

MMIA 1364
4/26
SIGNATURE 25

LROF V LAEE NR 62
FROM AFHQ 251942Z
TO LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.S. (MMIA)
CR - BT

C 33343 UNCLAS FROM GHQ CMF. FOR LT CO CURTIES. REFERENCE 15
STAGHOUND ARMB CARS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY
CARABINIERI FROM 13 CORPS IN DEC. PLEASE SAY WHETHER TYPE E1(1)
37 MM OR E1(2) 3 INCH OR E 2 AA TWIN POINT 5 BROWNING

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RPTNS 62 251942D C 33343 15
E 1 1 37 MM E 1 2 3 E 2 AA 5
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FROM ROME 6 BLU 221100B
TO HQ MMIA ROME

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MMIA 22
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EME/41/19 . UNCLAS . REF YOR // YOUR Q.370 OF 20 MAR . FOLLOWING
SIGNAL XEM FROM HQ 1 ARG TO 279 ARMD DELY SQDN DATED 22 FEB . QUOTE .
101C365 UNCLAS . ISSUE TO ITALIAN CARABINIERI ON COLLECTION BY THEM
STAGHOUNDS T17E1 CLASS II QTY 15 . UNQUOTE .

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SENT NR 2257 TWP AR K
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*Info
cc HR/9/9/2*

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YOUR 03/13 OF 19 STOP EVACUATE B L B's TO 12 R V P F O R L I
STOP OBTAIN AUTHORITY FROM YOUR LOCAL FORMATION H Q

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CC.7R

W.H. Writer
Major

Q 137

W.H. WRITER, Major

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F.I.C.

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REF YOUR 12R/5/5 OF A HANDED SCAP OF THAT AUTHORITY
WAS THERE VERICTUM COLLECTED INTO IDEAL BACK YEARS
STOP FORWARD FULL DETAILS SOONEST

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F.I.C. HONORARY MAJOR

W. B. ...

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

FILE NO : FREEDOM 254

SUBJECT : Arm'd Cars for ITALIAN
Interim Army

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (AMIA)
"Q" (Copies)

COPY TO : G-3 AFHQ
13 Corps
2 Dist.
Ord.

ESD/81/3F

15 March 1946

1. Entitlement of Arm'd Cars is as follows:-

Army	183
CC.RR.	163 (incl. 24 for Irg Est. additional to figures in SETs)
	353
plus	42 for maint for 1 year at 1 % per month
Total	395

2. ITALIAN Army now holds: -Staghounds 10
-Humbers 47

3. Authority is now given for release direct to the Army, under your supervision, of the following:-

(a) Staghounds	385 (made up of approx: 100 Cl 1 240 Cl 2 (Balance Cl 2
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(b) 12 Months spares for 395 vchs, incl weapons and w/seats.

(c) Amn to seals for all weapons
(G-3 AFHQ have now approved issue of 37 mm etc ~~amm.~~)

4. 47 Humbers now held by you will be withdrawn. It is understood that owing to pending elections, you wish to retain these vchs until present holders are used to the Staghounds.

It is considered that it should suffice if you retain them for 2 weeks after you have received the first 50 Staghounds.

5. These Humbers, of which you report 37 as runners, 6 off the road awaiting spares and 4 BIR, are urgently required for issue to the GUSK National Army.

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Will you please therefore do your utmost to ensure that the

1. Enrollment of Armored Cars is as follows:-

Army 183
 CC.BR. 168 (incl. 24 for Trg Est. additional to figures in SETs)
 353
 plus 42 for maint for 1 year at 1 % per month
 Total 395

2. ITALIAN Army now holds: -Staghounds 10
 -Numbers 47

3. Authority is now given for release direct to the Army, under your supervision, of the following:-

(a) Staghounds 385 (made up of approx:
 (100 Cl 1
 (240 Cl 2
 (Balance Cl 3

(b) 12 Months spares for 395 vehs, incl weapons and w/seats.

(c) Amn to scale for all weapons
 (G-3 AFHQ have now approved issue of 37 mm etc amm.)

4. 47 Humbers now held by you will be withdrawn. It is understood that owing to pending elections, you wish to retain these vehs until present holders are used to the Staghounds.

It is considered that it should suffice if you retain them for 2 weeks after you have received the first 50 Staghounds.

5. These Humbers, of which you report 37 as runners, 6 off the road awaiting spares and 4 BHM, are urgently required for issue to the GHEEK National Army.

Will you please therefore do your utmost to ensure that they are handed back in the best possible condition.

6. As requested by you, a proportion of 37 mm and 300 Browning amn will be made available at the same time as the vehs.

MI/eb/G (SO)

M.W.M. MACLEOD,
 Major General,
 Chief of General Staff.

7/5/46
 7/5/46
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

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TELE NO : FREEM 254

ESD/84/3F

SUBJECT : Armé Cars for ITALIAN Interim Army.

15 March 1946

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (MILIA) (2 copies)

COEX TO : G-3 AFHQ
13 Corps
2 Dist
Ord

SH. D.S.C. (See 72)

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1	Religiosa?
15	Religiosa

1. Entitlement of Armé Cars is as follows :-

Army	185
CORR	168
plus	53
	42
Total	395

(incl 24 for Trg Est additional to figures in SETd) for mint for 1 year at 4% per month

2. ITALIAN Army now holds Staghounds 10
Humbors 47

NO 43

3. Authority is now given for release direct to the Army, under your supervision, of the following :-

- (a) Staghounds 385 { made up of approx
100 CI 1
240 CI 2
Balance CI 3

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- (b) 12 months spares for 395 vehs, incl weapons 9000/sets.
- (c) Amn to scale for all weapons (G-3 AFHQ have now approved issue of 37 mm etc amn).

4. 47 Humbors now held by you will be withdrawn. It is understood that owing to pending elections, you wish to retain these vehs until present holders are used to the Staghounds.

It is considered that it should suffice if you retain them for 2 weeks after you have received the first 50 Staghounds.

5. These Humbors, of which you report 37 as runners, 6 off the road awaiting spares and 4 BLF, are urgently required for issue to the center - 35 240 (M)

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

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TELE NO : FREEDOM 254 ESD/81/5F

SUBJECT : Arm'd Cars for ITALIAN Interim Army.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (AMIA) — 18 March 1946

COPY TO : G-3 AFHQ
 13 Corps
 2 Dist
 Ord

S4 D.S.C. Cream
 9 5
 1 3 Bologna
 15 Weapons

1. Entitlement of Arm'd Cars is as follows :-

Army	185
CORP	168
	<u>353</u>
plus	42
Total	395

(incl 24 for Trg Est additional to figures in SETA)
 for maint for 1 year at 1/3 per month

2. ITALIAN Army now holds Staghounds 10
 Humbers 47 — No 45

3. Authority is now given for release direct to the Army, under your supervision, of the following :-

(a) Staghounds 365 { made up of approx
 100 Cl 1
 240 Cl 2
 Balance Cl 3

(b) 12 months spares for 395 vehs, incl weapons

(c) Ann to scale for all weapons (G-3 AFHQ have now approved issue of 37 mm etc ann).

4. 47 Humbers now hold by you will be withdrawn. It is understood that owing to pending elections, you wish to retain these vehs until present holders are used to the Staghounds.

It is considered that it should suffice.

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9 5 *Creano*
1 3 *Bologna?*
15 *Bologna*
See 72

1. Entitlement of Armd Cars is as follows :-

ARMY	185
COOR	168
	<u>353</u>
plus	42
Total	395

(incl 24 for Trg Est additional to figures in SETs)
for maint for 1 year at 1 1/2 per month

2. ITALIAN Army now holds Staghounds 10
Humbers 47 — *no 45*

3. Authority is now given for release direct to the Army, under your supervision, of the following :-

(a) Staghounds 395 { made up of approx
100 CI 1
240 CI 2
Balance CI 3

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(b) 12 months spares for 395 vehs, incl weapons *240* /sets.

(c) Amn to scale for all weapons (G-3 AFHQ have now approved issue of 37 mm etc amn).

4. 47 Humbers now held by you will be withdrawn. It is understood that owing to pending elections, you wish to retain these vehs until present holders are used to the Staghounds.

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See

W. H. M. M. C. E. O. D.
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

See 72

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Subject : Release - Vehicles.

LAND FORCES SUPPLY A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

O . 137

12 March 1946

TO : 12 A.I.N.

SEE 10

The attached are in respect of two Carriers requested for Artillery School.

Please arrange collection.

E.W.B.
E.W. BRADLEY,
Major Tank
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

INTERNAL : G. Trg.

EBB/lm

Subject : 'A' Vehicles for Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COMD. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.) ROME.

Q. 137

5 March 1946

TO : Ministry of War.

Info : 12 M.F.U. GRSANO

1. Qty 170 Carriers Universal, Class 2 have been declared surplus to Allied military needs and notified to British Ministry of Supply Chief Disposals Officer.
2. It is suggested that you approach the Italian Government to obtain these vehicles for the Italian Army.
3. At present no Carriers Lloyd are available.
4. Armoured Observation Posts Qty 2 will be made available shortly from British Ordnance stocks and this HQ will notify you when they can be collected.

EWB
E.W. BRADLEY,
Major Innisk
for Major General
M.F. 1504

INTERNAL: 'S'

EWB/lm

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, CMF
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Read March 46

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Ref. VR/ 300

Date 5 1953

To: USA 1st Cavalry Div. ✓

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	M.T. Code	Description of Vehicles	Class	Park/Group
<u>2</u>		<u>Cavalry 1st Div 1st Bn</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>12 77</u>

*12 B.L.U. held to collect.
Ord. Some vouchers forwarded.
Elt 3.
1/2*

Remarks: In 12 VP 1953. Class 21 with complete title. To be released on loan to USA for Italian G.P.'s. USA to arrange collection.

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Release Instructions

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
2. GHQ Q (AE) release and Ord Directorate release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

W. J. ... Capt
Brigadier,
Q (AE)

Distribution:

Ord Directorate 2 100 - 0 (10) - 1000

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FROM

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BT

ENE/3/5 UNCLAS(.) 16
BASE WKSP (CARE) (.)
PLEASE ADVISE E T.O. DRIVERS.

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SENT NR 21945

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NR 011415

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March 26

SEE 19/...

M.M.I.A.
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SIGNALS

STAGHOUNDS AND 4 DSG AWAITING COLLECTION LTR.

RECEIVED 2 MAR 1946 1002

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RECEIVED 21 FEB 1946
1954 DATE

Tel.: Rome 843040/49
KEH/fl
Our Ref.: Q.C.125

Chief Disposals Officer (Italy)
Surplus Stores Division
Ministry of Supply
British Embassy
R O M E
APO-CMF

To: Land Forces Sub Commission
M.M.I.A.
H.Q. A.C.
ROME.

20th February, 1946.

Subject:- Transfer to the Italian Government.

You are advised that we have now declared to the Italian Government

170.-Class II Carriers Universal Mk I star.

These carriers are located at 12.V.P. Forli and will be taken over by the Italian Government from this V.P.

The above is for your information as all carriers transferred will be fully serviceable.

F. E. Hanley
Chief Disposals Officer (Italy)

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Declared to ARAR.
No question of sterling payment until
decided at Peace conference.
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TO (FOR ACTION): WAR MINISTRY
TO (FOR INFO) : 6 DLH

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CANCEL M M I A SIGNAL 2807 (.) UNDER AUTHORITY
GHQ C19629 OF 4 FEB QRY FOUR RPE FOUR STAGHONDS N°1731 (1)
CLASS II MAY BE TAKEN OVER ON LOAN FROM ARG B O I U S H A WITH
COMPLETE KIT FOR USE IN REGIMENTAL TRAINING CENTRE C B S A W O (.)
PLEASE ARRANGE IMMEDIATE COLLECTION

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATION *[Signature]*

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FROM AFHQ 081659A Feb.
TO ARG
INFO MMIA
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FX60362 RESTRICTED FROM Q CMF (.)
ISSUE ON LOAN FURTHER QTY SIX STAGHOUNDS T17E1
(1) CLASS I I AND QTY EIGHT DAIMLER SCOUT CARS
CLASS I I TO MMIA FOR ITAL REGTL TRG
CENTRE (.) MMIA TO ARRANGE COLLECTION
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FROM: W M I A
TO (COMM. ORIGIN): WAR MINISTRY
TO (REF. INFO) : C RUU

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URGENT SECURITY AND OTHER OF 4 FEB 1945
NOTIFIED (1) CLASS II MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF LOCK FOR S.I.P.
B O S O G A F E T A R D O S O G A WITH COMPLETE KIT (.)
PLEASE REFER TO DOCUMENT

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FROM AFHQ N 041814A FEB.

TO ARGNEOLOGNA

INFO MMIA

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UNCLAS FROM GHQ CMF (.) CANCEL AVRN8831 OF 2 FEB
46 (.) ISSUE ON LOAN TO ITALIAN REGIMENTAL TRAINING CENTRE
QTY YOUR STAGHOUND T17E1 (I) CLASS II (.)

WITH COMPLETE KIT (.) MMIA TO ARRANGE COLLECTION

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RPTN NR 6 QVR 2 041814A 19629 8831 2 & 6

T17E (I) II

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