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Oct. 1946 - Aug. 1947

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Italian Land Forces Branch
Allied Force Headquarters
(Formerly MTOUSA)

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31. 054/10

26. August 47

O.F.I.C.,
ROME.

Subject: Transfer of Lease Lend Equipment to Italian Army.

Reference conversation recent date WALLACE/CURTISS and enclosed SCD forms.

1. Herewith original copy of Defence Ministry letter acknowledging receipt of vehicles listed.

2. These were handed over to the Italian Army on authority of SACMED signal FX 77010 of 31 July 47 to GEN (copy attached for easy reference) and GEN signal SD 0997 of 2 August 47 to this HQ.

Major General
Director.

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ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
G.H.Q. C.M.F.

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Subject :- Maintenance Policy
Italian Army

Ref : DOS/7027
Tel : Mestre 27166
Date : 2nd Aug 47

To :- A.D.O.S.
I.L.F.B.
A.F.H.Q.
ROME

Reference AFHQ Secret Signal No FX 77010 dated 31st July 1947.

Please complete the attached SFB 3 forms to show all necessary particulars regarding the 'A' Vehicles, listed in the above mentioned Secret Signal, as required by C.F.L.C. Rome

Action on 28/054

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SAN FELICE and FORLI Vehicle

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PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF

JULY, 1947

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" AA	2	1	1				4 ✓	
Greyhound/37	19	8	1	17	20		65 ✓	
S.C.Ford MK II	8	4	2	5	5		24 ✓	
" " MK III		2					2 ✓	
" Humber MK I		1					1 ✓	
" " MK II		2					2 ✓	
Stuart Recce				3	6	25x	34 ✓	x2 4th Cl.
Sherman IV	13						13 ✓	ex LEGHORN

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2. STRENGTH

(a) British

(i) Officers . . . . . 1 Capt. REME

(ii) O.Rs . . . . . 1 Cpl. Tele-Mech.

(b) Italian

No change.

3. ACCOUNTING

Nothing to report.

4. MAINTENANCE

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VI COMILITER states that ALL special tools released from PONTECAGNANO, are to be stored at C.A.R.E., under orders given by the Ministry of War. As these tools would be of the utmost use to the A.F.V. W/shop, SAN FELICE, and VI COMILITER states he is unable to query this decision, it would be appreciated if you would advise the Ministry of War, that it is considered they should be placed at the disposal of W/shop, SAN FELICE, forthwith. Sufficient storage room is available for tools not required to be used at this present time.

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6. GENERAL

A number of applicable instructional diagrams and literature, have been received from A.F.V. Publications Section, R.A.C. School, BOVINGTON, and these have been handed to VI COMILITER. The nomenclature (in Italian), of parts has been super-imposed on the diagrams and action is being taken to translate the instructional literature.

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Appendix "A" to 6 B.L.U. PROGRESS REPORT for the month of JULY, on SAN FELICE and FORLI A.F.V. Parks.

From: Territorial Command - B O L O G N A

To: The Ministry of War - R O M E

N.02/3419 21.7.47

Subject: W/SHOP FOR MAJOR REPAIRS OF COMBAT VEHICLES.

Reference to attached letter N.52714 dated 24.6.47 of the General Inspectorate of Motorisation.

The necessity for a W/shop for the major repairs of combat vehs.- tanks, light and heavy armoured cars, armoured lorries, carriers - is evident.

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(c) W/shop facilities;

(d) Installations;

(e) Time necessary to transform the premises into a W/shop.

The Artillery installations existing in this Territory that can be taken into consideration, are the Arsenal in PIACENZA and the ex-Pirotecnico in BOLOGNA.

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The Arsenal in Piacenza has undoubtedly the necessary lay-out, except for the engine overhaul.

It has, though, a large staff, a small part of which is highly specialised in artillery repairs, and the remainder is not sufficiently skilled to be quickly trained into another branch of repairs.

It is also far away from BOLOGNA, and it would take considerable time and money to move to PIACENZA the equipment to be repaired.

The ex-Pirotecnico has the advantage of being in a suitable location; it has not a good staff trained on mechanical repairs, it lacks personnel trained on engine repairs, it has a good set up for light mechanical repairs, but lacks machinery for heavy mechanical repairs and for engine repairs and hull repairs. The installation is also not suitable for the proposed repairs.

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- Both establishments lack almost totally personnel and machinery for engine repairs.

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- Both establishments would take a comparatively long time to be transformed for the purpose required.

The situation offered by the ex-Pirotecnico would be much better if it were possible to find in Bolo gna another military installation which could offer the necessary staff, machinery and accommodation. -

This installation exists and is the 6th Repair Unit. In this unit the ex-Pirotecnico would find the necessary skilled personnel in automobilistic repairs and a large part of the necessary machinery, and a suit able accommodation.

Also, as the two installations are near each other, it would save considerable time in the transforming of the W/shops.

If this solution were accepted, it would be necessary to find some other establishment to take care of the automobilistic repairs of 6 Territorial Command. As an interim solution until another w/shop could be set up, I think that the 15 Repair Unit in PIACENZA can take care of all the necessary work.

When this is accomplished, it would be necessary to set up an organisation for the repair of the lines of communication. This would not present great difficulties.

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- Mechanics - with small units;
- 1st Line W/Shop - L.A.D.;
- 2nd " " - Brigade W/Shop;
- 3rd " " - H.A.W/shop.

The V,P. W/Shop should be a 3rd line W/shop.

The duties would be:-

- Changing of components;
- Create specialised military personnel to be sent to Unit

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W/shop and LADs as soon as they are organised. Naturally, the majority, if not all the personnel, should be military or militarised.

The set-up for this W/shop would be given by the Americans three months after R Day with the disbandment of the 86 Coy H.A.W. -

Therefore, I propose to organise:-

- In BOLOGNA, a territorial installation for the major repairs of combat vehs. by uniting the ex-Pirotecnico and the 6th Repair Unit, and adding a radio laboratory.
- At the V.P., a Base W/shop with the equipment issued by the Americans with the 86 Coy H.A.W.

signed

General Commander

T.A.PIVANO

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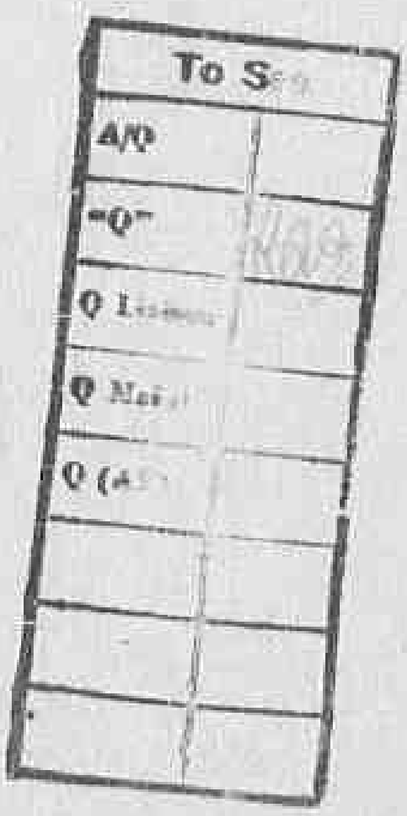
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COPY TRANSLATION

From: Ministry of National Defence. Ref: 1/3946/Serv.

To : Italian Land Forces Branch. Date: 24 July 47.

Subject:- "Staghound" Armoured Cars.

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Reference letter SD/109/4 dated 15 July 47.

The proposal relative to the drawing of 12 "Staghound" Armoured Cars from the Armoured Vehicle Park of S. Felice, to be distributed "on loan" to the CC battalion of new formation, is accepted by this SM.

Instructions will be consequently issued to Bologna Military Territorial Command.

Sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (Army)
Inspectorate Motorisation

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23 Jul 47

Subject: Selection of Assemblies, Tools and Spares - PONTECAGNANO.

1. A visit was paid to the Stores Depot at PONTECAGNANO on 17 July by the MEMS this Headquarters when the following points were noted :-

2. Special Tools for Tank overhaul :-
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3. Tank Spares :-
A number of Tank Spares have been located, selected and cased the quantity of which is estimated at 30/40 tons. Railway box cars have been requested and it is understood these will be at PUTTENHAM on the 22 and 24 July.

4. Tank Engine Assemblies :-
Col. BALLANTINE's instructions regarding the selection of Tank engines have been received:-

	Available
4 - Continental Radial 9 Cyl.	4
6 - Guiberson A 850 Diesel.	NIL
6 - Chrysler Multibank.	6

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5. As this was intended in the first place only to be an interim provision, it is now strongly recommended that action be taken to increase the above numbers against more permanent future requirements. The present engine availability at PONTECORVO are relatively small and it is considered no time should therefore be lost in acquiring all three are. The quantities are estimated to be as follows :-

			Availability
Continental Radial 9 Cyl.		-	60 approx.
" " 7 "		-	60
Guibarage / C.M.C.	Diesel	-	NIL
Christie Multibank		-	12

6. As it must inevitably be some considerable time before the BOLOGNA Workshops are in a position to undertake the overhaul of tank engines it is essential that as big a stock of new and overhauled assemblies be held to meet any immediate demands likely to arise.

CHM/cb

Lt. Col.,
A.D.M.E.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: 478421
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SD/109/4
15 July 47.

Ministry of National Defence - Army.

Subject:- Steghound Armoured Cars. See (77)

Reference your 1/3233/Serv. of ~~25~~ 29 June 47.

1. Negotiations between the Italian and U.S. Governments regarding passage of Lend Lease equipment to the Italian Army are not yet completed.

2. This HQ cannot therefore authorise the complete handover on an ownership basis of the 12 Armd. Cars asked for.

3. You are however authorised to withdraw 12 Cars on loan for the newly forming Bn of CC. This on the understanding that they may be withdrawn if negotiations between your Government and the U.S. Government break down.

4. Please confirm that this provision is accepted.

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P. W. Mann
Major General,
Director.

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" AA ✓	2	1	1				4 ✓	
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" " MK III ✓					2		2 ✓	-
" Humber MK I ✓		1					1 ✓	
" " MK II ✓		2					2 ✓	
Stuart Recce ✓				3	6	25x	34 ✓	x2 4th Cl.
Sherman IV ✓	13						13	ex LEGHORN
~~Carrier Track S.C.~~	~~2~~						2	
~~Half Track 15 cwt~~								
				~~40~~	~~35~~	~~75~~		

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" AA..... ✓	2	1	1				4 ✓	
✓ Greyhound/37..... ✓	21	6	1	15	2	20	65 ✓	
✓ S.C.Ford MK II..... ✓	4	–	1	9	9	1	24 ✓	
" " MK III..... ✓					2		2 ✓	
" Humber MK I..... ✓		1					1 ✓	
" " MK II..... ✓		2					2 ✓	
✓ Stuert Recce..... ✓				3	6	25x	34 ✓	x2 4th Cl.
✓ Sherman IV	13						13	ex LEGHORN
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~~Half Track 15 cwt~~				~~40~~	~~35~~	~~75~~		

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Dej 5. July 47.

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Make & Type	SAN FELICE Cl. 1	SAN FELICE Cl. 2	SAN FELICE Cl. 3	FORLI Cl. 1	FORLI Cl. 2	FORLI Cl. 3	GRAND TOTAL	REMARKS
Carrier Univ. MKI/STL.....				164	419		583	
" " MKI/L.....				5	1		6	
" " MKII/STL.....				83	14		97	
" MMG n1 MKI.....				35	2		37	
" " n3 "				1			1	
" 3"M.n1 "				1	24		25	
" 3"M.n1 MKII.....					20		20	
" 3"M. UC2.....				62			62	
" T.Towing n1.....				65	4		69	
" " n2.....				83	225		308	
" T.S. & C.				10	7		17	

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3. ACCOUNTING.

Nothing to report.

4. MAINTENANCE.

Routine servicing has been carried out to many of the vehicles during the month. Battery charging and repair has made considerable progress. Servicing of weapon pieces has also proceeded as normal.

Investigation of Sherman Tanks has been completed with a view to laying down the correct order of inspection and maintenance.

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It is the intention to inspect and maintain every vehicle held, and for defects to be noted. It is estimated that by the time this function has been completed, the workshops at SAN FELICE will be sufficiently well organised, (subject to equipment being available), to execute the necessary repairs, and to upgrade all vehicles to a higher classification.

On 30 Jun.'47, General ROSTAGNO, Director of Artillery, VI COMILITER, and Col. BALANZINO, Ministry of War, visited the proposed workshop site at SAN FELICE. Several items were discussed, and general policy was agreed by those concerned. General ROSTAGNO expressed a wish that the ex PIROTECNICO be utilised as an auxiliary workshop, subject to accommodation being available. (See this H.Q. letter Q/6/1/IF of 2 Jul.'47).

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Major DAA & QMG
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TRANSLATION

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FROM: Ministry of Defence

TO : I.L.F.B.

REF : 1/3233/Serv

DATE: 29 June 1947

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SUBJECT: "STAGHOUND" armoured cars.

Reference your letter SD/109/4 dated 19 June last.

It is confirmed that, with the posting to the Veneto of the mobile CC battalion of Turin, replacing Allied troops in the zone, the forming of a new mobile CC battalion for the Turin area is necessary.

An allotment of 12 "Staghound" armoured cars should be made in order to equip the new battalion in question.

These should be revised at O.A.R.E. before their handing over.

Please grant authority for the use of n. 12 "Staghound" armoured cars to be drawn from those handed over to the Italian Army and stored in the Park of S. Felice - Bologna.

sgd. BOGLIACCINO
Col.

GM

Distribution: SD/109/4
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FROM V JRJA 0358 QVR 2

FROM, OC 18 VEHICLE PARK RAOC 3014Ø0B

TO CHQ CMF

INFO RAAC FOR 11 FB FORMERLY MMIA

QSH BT

TVC /347 . UNCLASSIFIED . REF GHS SIGNL OS/317 DATED 30 JUNE .
12 TRAILERS AGAINST RELEASE 0358 ALREADY HANDED OVER . REMAINING
2 BEING H/O NEXT ~~FEW WEEKS~~ FEW DAYS . ALL CLEAR .
BT

SENT NR 0358 EJØ E K

RD AT 2215 RHJP AT LROF EBB

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FROM GHQ CHF 321750 I

TO TWAC

RECEIVED 3 - JUL 1947 G58 (DATE)

INFO 36 VCH COY

FE

OE/316 (.) UNCLASS (.) FOR I L F B (BY MMIA)

REF GHQ VEHICLE RELEASE NO 0355 DATED 3 JUNE 47 (.)

REQUEST SIGNAL DATA YOU WILL COLLECT

IT Refers 14 Trailers, 12 wheeled

SENT NR 2231 SEJ BK

RR T 0910 'ENE'

Rq. 2. 7 47

See (76) NA

A. Q. 137/LF

AG REFERENCE 7971

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Q.023/LF

26. Jun 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army

Subject: Transfer of Land-Lease and U.S. Equipment to Italian Army

Further to Q.137/LF dated 3 June 47.

1. The U.S. authorities are inspecting the "A" vehicles now at Bologna with a view to determining whether they can be declared surplus to U.S. Government requirements or not.

2. Transfer of title of these and other U.S. property to the Italian Army is to be made subject to agreement being reached between the U.S. Government Disposal Agency (O.F.L.C.) and the Italian Government.

3. Please confirm you are in touch with the Italian Government representatives whose identity is not clear to this HQ although it is understood negotiations are in progress.

RAC

R. A. Carter
Major General,
Director.

RAC/jw

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Q. 137/LF
3 Jun 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army (Liy LO)

Subject: "A" Vehicles - FORLI

With reference to your letter 1/3008/Serv of 21 June 47, and this HQ letter Q. 137/LF of 3 June 47.

Authority is given herewith for the transfer from FORLI to SAN FELICE (BOLOGNA) of the "A" Vehicles referred to in Appendix "A" of this HQ above-mentioned letter, and HQ 6 BAU have been advised to this effect.

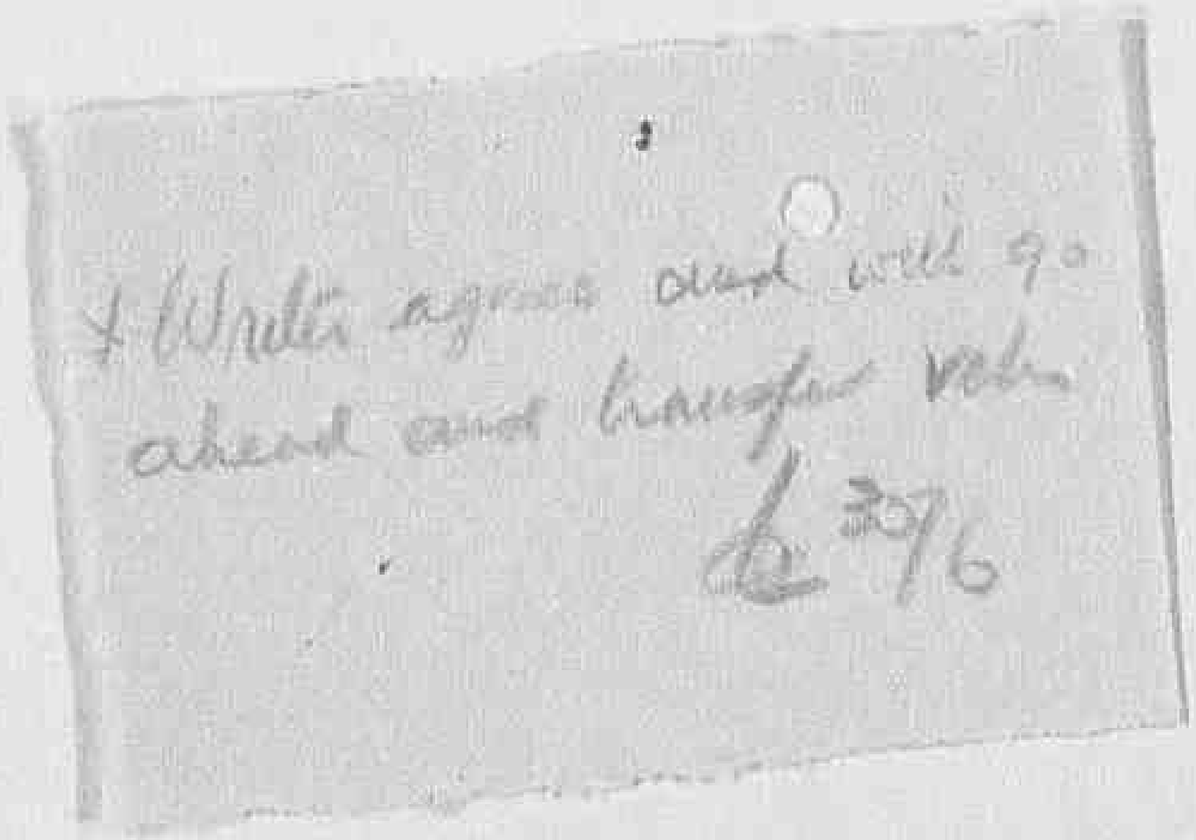
Major General,
Director.

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Copy to: HQ 6 BAU (telecon WRITER - BUCKET even date refers)

Internal: "Q" (Liaison)

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* While agreeable and will go ahead and transfer vehicle

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Do you

If no reason
why transfer
to Bologna can
not continue
Adm 6 B 2 U
what is the position
& whether they
have responded
to your action?

Regd

26/6 to CC 6811 + 2 ans
Message received which is
very big comment

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TRANSLATION

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FROM: Ministry of Defence REF: 1/3008/Serv.

TO : I.L.F.B. DATE: 21 June 1947.

SUBJECT:- Type "A" vehicles - employment.

(63) Ass 4b.

Reference your letter Q/137/LF of 3 June 1947.

We would be grateful if authority would be given by your ILFB for the transferment of vehicles referred to in appendix "A" of the a/m letter, from Forli to S.Felice (Bologna), in order to adequately provide for the maintenance and safety of those type "A" vehicles on loan to the Italian Army.

sgd MELONI
Col.

GM

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Rq. 26.6.47.

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STATO MAGGIORE DELL' ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione S.M.

N.1/ 3008 /Serv.di prot.- Roma, li 21 giugno 1947

OGGETTO: Impiego automezzi tipo "A".-

Al A.F.H.Q. Italian Land Forces Branch

R o m a

Riferimento suo 0/137/I F del 3 giugno.-

Per provvedere adeguatamente alla sicurezza e alla manutenzione dei mezzi tipo "A" in consegna fiduciaria all'Esercito Italiano, si sarebbe grati a codesta I.L.F.B., se volesse autorizzare il trasferimento degli automezzi di cui all'appendice "A", del foglio in riferimento da Forlì a S. Felice (Bologna).-

TRANSLATION
IN
93
Time 1030
Date 23/6
Time 1000
OUT
26/6

d'ordine
IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
- colonnello N.Maloni -

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Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LOG XIX DATED 23/6/47

FORMATION 13th MCR CCRR BN 17.6.47

5. Col MELONI informed me that the mobile CCRR Bn in Turin was being despatched to reinforce the Venezia Guilia Police. As a result of this the Min of Def wanted to form a 13th Bn to replace it. This would entail the use of 12 Staghound Arm'd Cars which were in FORLI and S. FELICE dumps. Before bringing this subject up officially, Col MELONI would like to know our repercussions on the release of such Arm'd Cars. AGMG "G" Q.127/LS

Action taken by G

RGE

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Q. 137/LF
21 June 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army

Subject: Disposal "A" Vehicles - FORLI

63.

Reference our Q.137/LF dated 3 June 1947.

Amend Appendix "A" to the above quoted letter as follows :

Cars Light Armoured Greyhound M8

Delete -	None	1
Amend total to read -		65

Major General
Italian Land Forces Branch
A.F.H.Q.

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ED/109/4

19 June 47.

Ministry of National Defence - Army.

Subject:- Ltwheeled Armoured Cars.

1. From a conversation Mr. Col. Melon/Major Byatt it was understood that the intention of the S.M.E. was to form an additional Mobile Bn of Carabinieri.

2. It was further understood that permission was sought to withdraw 12 Ltwheeled Armoured Cars from the Depot at San Felice.

3. May this Hq please be supplied with full details of the project, on receipt of which consideration will be given to the request for the release of Armoured Cars.

Major General,
Director

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RCMP

WT24/corr.

A/D
R&R

Reg. 12 b 47.

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Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LOG XVIII DATED 10/6/47

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Release - Tank Transporter Trailers 28.5.47

7. Informed Col MELONI that GHQ had signalled this HQ to effect that 14 trailers, 40 ton, 12 wheeled transporter, less prime movers were available at 18 Veh Park Casarsa to It. Army. Requested confirmation these were required. Col MELONI confirmed this immediately. — AQMG "G" — Q. 137/LF

"A" Vehs - FORLI 5.6.47

12. Handed in letter Q. 137/LF dated 3 June to Col MELONI on the subject of "A" Vehs at Forli whereby 3 Humber Scout Cars were placed at Disposal of Min of Def. — A/Q — Q. 137/LF

Informed Col MELONI that the remainder of the "A" Vehs at FORLI were lend-lease vehs and would have to be considered as "frozen" until the decision for approval of release was given by U.S. Authorities.

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Q. 137/IF
6 Jun 47

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Subject: Trailers - Release Note

Further to our signal Q.146 dated 5 June 47.

Herewith "Q" Vehicle Release Note in respect of Trailers 40 ton, wheeled Transporters, Mk I, Quantity 14.

See 74

Lt Col,
A.Q.M.G.

FW/jw

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I.L.F.E. (AFHQ) 05/1225 B

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GHQ 65

Q. 146 UNCLASSIFIED

UNDER G H Q AUTHY QG 005 OF 30 MAY FOLLOWING RELEASE
IS MADE TO ITALIAN ARMY FROM 18 VEH PK C A S A R S A (.)
QTY 14 X 6988/00 TRAILER 40 TON, 12 WHEELED TRANSPORT MK I (.)
REQUEST YOU ARRANGE COLLECTION IMMEDIATELY WITH 5 TERR COMD
REPORTING COMPLETION THIS HQ

INTERNAL: MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE - ARMY
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IMPORTANT
"Q"

E.F. BYATT, Major

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FROM EHQ CMF 230942B

TO AFHQ ILFB (FORMERLY MMIA) :

INFO 18 R V P :

BT

QG ØØ5 (.) UNCLASS (.)

YOUR Q 144 OF 24 MAY 47 (.) RELEASE OF QTY 14 X 6986/ØØ TRAILER 42 TON WHEELED TRANSPORT MK I FROM 18 VP CASARSA AUTHORISED (.) IN VIEW OF IMMINENT MOVE OF VEH ~~RSAF~~ PK IMPERATIVE YOU COLLECT BEFORE ~~REPT~~ REPEAT BEFORE 7 JUNE 47

BT Ø3Ø942B

SENT NR 2078 BOB 1050 (AR) K

RD BY RPK AT 1052 ARANDTKS

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SAN FELICE and FORLI Vehicle

Parks

Progress Report for the month of

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To See	
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Q Liaison	✓
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1. SITUATION.

The following ALLIED A.F.Vs were under the custody of the ITALIAN Army, as at 29 May, 1947.

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" 1/75.....	5						5
" IC/17 pdr.....	3						3
" II/75.....	4						4
" III/75.....	12	5					17
" III/Dozer.....	1						1
" V/75.....	95	2					97
" VC/17 pdr.....	25						25
S.P. M7/105.....	11	24	43				78
" " M10/3".....	1	24					25
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Staghound I/37.....	24	30	50				104 + 8 CENTRAL SCHOOLS
" II/3" How.....	11	1	5				17
" AA.....	2	1	1				4
Greyhound/37.....	21	6	1	15	2	20	65
S.C.Ford MK II.....	4		1	9	9	1	24
" " " MKIII.....					2		2
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" " " MKII.....					2		2
Stuart Recce.....				3	6	25*	34 x2 4th Cl.

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O.Rs	85x.....	8

x(Includes 37 personnel erecting and repairing buildings, and carrying out guard duties.

3. ACCOUNTING.

All available data for vehicles at SAN FELICE has been collated, and census cards are complete. Cards for vehicles at FORLI are in course of completion. Binning and accounting of vehicle equipment continues.

4. MAINTENANCE.

Cleaning and maintenance of vehicles is proceeding. All weapon pieces of S.P. Mtg M10 have been inspected, cleaned and re-greased. 105 m.m. pieces of M7's are now undergoing similar maintenance. All Class I and II Armoured Cars have been parked on hard standings, under cover, and steps taken to protect their tyres from the heat of the sun.

A plan has been made to concentrate all vehicles ex FORLI at BOLOGNA, where hard standings and cover exist. Restricted A.F.Vs will be parked at SAN FELICE, and de-militarised vehicles ex ARAR will be parked separately, but in the proximity of the existing park. The DUCA D'AOSTA barracks will be used to augment accommodation and garage all carriers, (not restricted).

5. EQUIPMENT.

Further accommodation, adjoining the original stores, has been made available, and extra racking has been ordered from PIACENZA Arsenal.

Equipment has been sorted into kind, binned,

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Lack of experienced storemen, as previously reported, is proving a severe handicap. Spare batteries have now been sorted into types, Serviceable and Unserviceable Groups. Catalogues, (Service Parts) are required for all types of pieces and small arms of tanks, and S.P. A/Tk. M7s. A catalogue for the M10 is in possession.

6. GENERAL.

Nine Nissen huts have been procured locally, and are in course of erection at SAN FELICE. One will be used as a guard room, and the others for personnel sleeping accommodation.

The S.P. Mtgs for BRACCIANO, (see your letter SD/109/IF of 18 Feb.'47) are still awaiting rail movement. vehicles for the M.T. Study Office, (see your SD/109/IF of 12 Mar.'47), will not be provided from present holdings, but from de-militarised vehicles bought from ARAR. Vehicles provided from the same source will also be used for driving instruction, when training commences. Movement of these vehciles, ex ARAR Park, FORLI, is estimated to commence 9 June '47.

General progress has been satisfactory, and interest has not slackened. This is considered mainly due to the efforts of the VI COMILITER Staff, whose co-operation is excellent and enthusiastic.

D. A. O'Brien.

Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

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Q. 137/1F

3 Jun 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army

Subject: Disposal "A" Vehicles - FORLI

Further to Q. 137/1F dated 8 April 47.

1. The following vehicles at present held at "Forli" are now placed at your disposal. Shipping Tickets will follow:

Cars Scout Number 3

2. Vehicles listed at Appendix "A" which show location as at 1 June 47 are to be considered as "Frozen".

These vehicles being originally on lend-lease from the U.S. Government can not be released without prior approval of the U.S. authorities.

This is being sought and you will be informed of the decision as soon as possible.

Shipping Ticket BR 0K0/TT 208

w Reply and

for Major General,
Director,
I.L.F.B.

RAG/jw

Copy to: G(SD) (SD/409/6 refers)
SQ/054/1F

see (73)
see 68

Appendix "A" to II/3 letter
. 157/LP dated 5 June 47

"A" VEHICLES AT FUEL AS AT 1 JUNE 47
TO BE CONSIDERED "FRONT"

T Y P E S	GAS PETROL	PETROL	DIESEL	TOTAL
Cars Light Armoured Greyhound M8	28	37	X	65
Cars Medium Armoured Staghound	125	-	8	133
Tanks Cruiser Sherman	163	-	-	163
105 mm S.P. A/Tk M7 Mk I	78	-	-	78
3" S.P. Mtg M 10	25	-	-	25
Cars Scout Ford	5	21	-	26
Tanks Light Stuart Recce	-	34	-	34

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TYPES	SAN PEDRO	PORT	ROVE	TOTAL	LEND LEASE	REMARKS
Cars Light Armoured Greyhound MS (6)	28	37	1	66	71	
Cars Medium Armoured Staghound (4)	125	–	8	133	137	
Tanks Cruiser Sherman	163	–	–	163	163	✓
105 mm S.P. A/Tk M7 Mk I	78	–	–	78	78	✓
3" S.P Mtg M 10	25	–	–	25	25	✓
Cars Scout Ford (1)	5	21	–	26	27	✓
Tanks Light Stuart Recce	–	34	–	34	34	
Cars Scout Humber	–	3	–	3	–	Not Lend Lease
Trucks 15 cwt 4 track personnel w/o Winch	–	25	–	25	–	" "
" " " " " " w/Winch	–	50	–	50	–	" "
Lorry 30 cwt 4 x4 GS GMC	–	4	–	4	–	" "
Carriers	2	1225	–	1227	–	" "

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TYPES	SAN FELICE	FORLI	ROME	TOTAL	LEND LEASE	REMARKS
Cars Light Armoured Greyhound M8	28	37	1	66	71	
Cars Medium Armoured Staghound	125	-	8	133	137	
Tanks Cruiser Sherman	163	-	-	163	163	
105 mm S.P. A/Tk M7 Mk I	78	-	-	78	78	
3" S.P Mtg M 10	25	-	-	25	25	
Cars Scout Ford	5	21	-	26	27	
Tanks Light Stuart Recce	-	34	-	34	34	
Cars Scout Humber	-	3	-	3	-	Not Lend Lease
Trucks 15 cwt ½track personnel w/o Winch	-	25	-	25	-	" "
" " " " " " w/Winch	-	50	-	50	-	" "
Lorry 30 cwt 4 x4 GS GMC	-	4	-	4	-	" "
Carriers	2	1225	-	1227	-	" "

See 59 and 55.

29 May 47 Above figures agreed between WRITER/LOCKETT. Copy of this passed to C/S A/O for GOC and 15 9(SD) in place of file 59 b

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Q 145 4-

YOUR Q G 125 OF 21 MAY REGRET (.)
ITALIAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ARMY ACCEPT
ALL TRAITORS IN QUESTION (.) YOUR
AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE NOW AWAITED

Q 137 LF

(65) for reply

INT: 'G'
GRD

ROUTINE

[signature]

M.F. HART, MAJOR

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: CINC CMF

TO : AFHQ XXFB (FORMERLY MAIA)

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QP 125 (.) YOUR 3692 OF 7 MAY (.) QTY 15 x 6986/00 TRAILER 40 TON 12 WHEELED TRANSPORTER MK I AVAILABLE 18 MP CAMARSA LESS PIPT LESS PRIME MOVER (.) PLEASE INFORM THIS CHQ OF ACCEPTANCE BY 28 MAY (.) IF ACCEPTED RELEASES WILL BE MADE AND TRAILERS MUST BE COLLECTED BY 12 JUN

22 May 47

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SD/109/5/A

"Q"_____

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To See	
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"Q"	
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Q Mobile	
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TYPES	"A" VEHICLES HELD AT: SAN FELICE FORLI		ROME	TOT
Cars Light Armoured Greyhound M8	27	43	1	71
Cars Medium Armoured Staghound	125	-	8	13
Tanks Cruiser Sherman	163	-	-	163
17 pr S.P. A/Tk M7 Mk I	78	-	-	78
3" S.P. Mtg M 10	25	-	-	25
Cars Scout Ford	-	26	-	26
Tanks Light Stuart Recce	-	34	-	34

Original letter passed to G(Sec) by Campbell 20/5

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	"A" VEHICLES HELD AT:				(HELD) LEASE	REMARKS
	SAN FELICE PORLI		ROME	TOTAL		
	27	43	1	71	71	
	125	-	8	133	157	
	163	-	-	163	163	
	78	-	-	78	78	
	25	-	-	25	25	
	-	26	-	26	27	
	-	34	-	34	34	

to G(SI) b+ Com Med 20/5 b

see b2

LROF V MEMS NR 142475 CYR 2

FROM GHQ CME 141640

TO AFHQ (ATT G-3)

INFO ILFB ROME : RAC GHQ

BT

SDO349. RESTRICTED . YOUR FX [redacted] 76282 OF 5 PARA TR. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF LEASE LEND [redacted] EQPT HELD IN DEPOTS FOR ITALIAN ARMY .

TRUCKS 15 CWT HALF TRACKED PERS WITHOUT WINCH 25 .

TRUCKS 15 CWT HALF TRACKED PERS WITH WINCH 50

LORRY 30 CWT 4X4 GS GMC 4

CAR LT ARMD FORD GREYHOUND MK 71 .

CAR LT ARMD FORD MK II 24

CAR LT ARMD FORD MK III 3

CAR MED STAGHOUND 133 .

CAR MED STAGHOUND T 17 [redacted] AA 4 .

TANK LT STUART RECCE MK II 34 .

TANK CRUISER SHERMAN MK I 9

MK I B 11

MK I C 3

MK II 4

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TANK LT STUART RECCE MK II 24 .

TANK CRUISER SHERMAN MK I 5

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MK V C 28.

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3 IN SP M 10 MK 1 25 .

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AFHQ ALEX (SUBSIDIARY NOTE)

7 MAY 1943 B

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INFO COPIES TO: AFHQ/109/1/LF DATED 13 MAY ADDL B (*)

TASK ASSIGNMENTS USUALLY REQUIRED BY ITALIAN STATE (*) CAN YOU INDICATE EXTENT OF FUTURE PROBABLE AVAILABILITY

To See	
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Q Liaison	
Q Main	
Q (AE)	

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A.R.G. MUNSEN, Lt.Col.

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MAY
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FROM: AFHQ

TO : GEN CMF

INFO: FAC EQ DUINO: ITALIAN LAND FORCES BRANCH ROME RESTRICTED

REF NO EX 76202 (.) PROPERS 85256 GS (W) 1 OF 30 APRIL NOT TO ITALIAN LAND FORCES BRANCH HEARERS (.) SIGNED SECRET CITE DIRECT (.) PARA ONE (.) SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN PARA ONE OF PROPERS ABOVE QUOTED SIGNAL YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO HANDOVER TO ITALIANS BRITISH EQUIPMENT HELD IN TEMPORARY DEPOTS (.) PARA TWO (.) WITH REGARD TO LEND LEASE ITEMS, SINCE IT APPEARS THAT ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN ON PARA THREE A OF OUR FX 74311 OF 15 JAN, YOU SHOULD FORWARD A LIST OF THESE ITEMS FORTHWITH TO THIS HEADQUARTERS TO ENABLE HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE FROM UNITED STATES WAR DEPARTMENT

SEE 5-8

6 May 1947
HSR

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6 are enclosing for Col J in the file

7 May

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SAN FELICE VEHICLE PARK, BOLOGNA

Progress Report for the month of

April, 1947

CONFIDENTIAL

1. SITUATION.

The following ALLIED A.F.Vs were under the custody of the ITALIAN Army, as at 26 April, 1947.

(a) SAN FELICE

Cars Light Armoured	Greyhound	Cl.I	20
" " "	"	Cl.II	6
" " "	"	Cl.III	1
" Med. "	Staghound Mk I.	Cl.I	24
" " "	"	Cl.II	30
" " "	"	Cl.III	50
" " "	" Mk II	Cl.I	11
" " "	"	Cl.II	1
" " "	"	Cl.III	5
" Med. Staghound T 17 E2 A.A.		Cl.I	2
" " " " " " "		Cl.II	1
" " " " " " "		Cl.III	1
Sherman I		Cl.I	5
" IB		Cl.I	11
" IC		Cl.I	3
" II		Cl.I	4
" III		Cl.I	12
" III		Cl.II	5
" III Dozer		Cl.I	1
" V		Cl.I	95
" V		Cl.II	2
" VC		Cl.I	25
105 m.m. S.P. a/Tk M7 Mk I		Cl.I	11
" " " " " "		Cl.II	24
" " " " " "		Cl.III	43
3" S.P. Mtg M 10		Cl.I	1
" " " "		Cl.II	24

(b) FORLI

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" " " "		Cl.II	24

(b) FORLI

Car Scout Humber Mk I		Cl.II	1
" " " Mk II		Cl.II	2
" " Ford Mk II		Cl.I	9
" " " " "		Cl.II	9
" " " " "		Cl.III	1
" " " " III		Cl.II	2

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Car Light Armd. Greyhound	Cl.I	15
" " " "	Cl.II	8
" " " "	Cl.III	20
Tank Light Stuart Recce	Cl.I	3
" " " "	Cl.II	6
" " " "	Cl.III	23
" " " "	Cl.IV	2
Scout Cars Ford Mk II	Cl.I	4
" " " "	Cl.III	1

(c) ON ISSUE

(i) Central Training School, ROME.

Car Light Armd Greyhound	Cl.I	1
" Med. " Staghound Mk I	Cl.I	8

2. STRENGTH (Personnel)

(a) British

(i) O.RS . . . . . 1 Clerk.

(b) Italian

(i) Officers 5

(ii) O.Rs 75

3. ACCOUNTING.

Collection of necessary data for the compilation of census cards, is not yet completed. In many cases, engine numbers are inaccessible and fan belts have to be removed.

4. MAINTENANCE.

A small Mobile Workshops, trailer type, design ed by O.A.R.E., has been installed at the vehicle park. Unfortunately, the few machines with which it is fitted, are incomplete, and its functioning is consequently restricted.

Cleaning, greasing and maintenance of vehicles has been carried out throughout the month. Particular

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small in design. 40% of batteries fitted to tanks are in bad condition; 25% of these are unserviceable and will not hold a charge. It is reported that the same percentage of batteries of armoured cars and carriers are in a similar condition.

Maintenance of vehicles is restricted as no monies for the purpose are granted by the Ministry of War.

5. EQUIPMENT.

Kits are still in process of being sorted by ITALIAN personnel. The confusion which arises due to lack of knowledge and language difficulty, is immense.

12 Veh Park, FORLI, have now disbanded, and as no further issues of stores will arrive from this source, it is obvious that vehicles cannot be kitted to normal scale.

6. GENERAL.

It is considered that satisfactory progress during April has been made.

Furthermore, from the activity shown by senior officers both of this Command and the Ministry of War, it is apparent that the interested authorities are fully aware of what may ultimately become their responsibility, in connection with the upkeep of vehicles at present solely under their custody.

D. A. Jones.
Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

SD/109/4

Tel: 489
Ext: 218

30 Apr 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army (S.M.E.)

Subject: AFH's - Standardisation.

I am directed to refer to this Branch SD/109/4 dated 17 Apr 47, and to state that when the time comes for a decision to be taken in the matter, this Branch will of course be pleased to discuss the question with you and to give any advice you may desire.

It is considered that no further action need be taken in the meantime.

Major General,
Director.

AIDE/jm

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COPY RECOLLING SIGNAL

APRIL

FROM : MEDIA IG 500 A.O.D. CRAZ 20 2131

TO : LAND FORCES SECTION (MEDIA) APO: ROME

REF : HQ/707 UNCLASSIFIED

FOR INFO WAR MEN (.) K.D. CLOTHING DELAYED SINCE DEPOT HAS RECEIVED FURTHER DEMANDS FROM BRITISH UNIT (.) THIS NECESSITATED DRAWING ON ORIGINAL 75 TONS WHICH NOW BECOMES CORRESPONDINGLY LESS (.) SITUATION WILL BE REVIEWED BY DEPOT ABOUT FIRST MAY (.) HAVE OBTAINED COMPLETE MACHINERY FOR CAVITY REPAIR FACTORY (TYRES) (.) 91 CARRIERS UNIVERSAL ACCEPTED AND MORE WILL BE OFFERED LATER

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly AFHQ)

Tel: 690091
Ext: 495

G-157/IF

April 47

6 British Medium Unit.

Subject: SAF POLICE Vehicle Park, Naples.

ATTACHED.

Your G.4/3/IF of 2 April 1947.

Para 1. GHQ and MMIS this HQ are carrying with this and exploring stores at PENTAGRAM. Send any deficiency lists to us as and when available.

Para 2. Noted.

Para 3. Expect to send you extra staff from Naples early May.

Para 4. We can do nothing until the political future is clearer. Meantime plan on completing of an essential phase by end of May with present facilities.

Position will be reviewed 15 May.

Colonel,
Major General,
Director.

Internal: GHQ
PSSU

10/4/47

A/8 (51)

Subject: SAN FELICE VEHICLE PARK, BOLOGNA.

6 British Liaison Unit,
BOLOGNA. C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/IF
2nd April 1947

To: Allied Force Headquarters,
Italian Land Forces Branch,
C.M.F. -(3 copies)

Further to this H.Q. Progress Report for the month of March, 1947.

Further detail regarding the position of kitting etc., as at 31 Mar.'47, is forwarded for information.

1. All items of kit which are available from 12 Vehicle Park, have now been received. The items are mixed and are not cased by types. Many of them are not required, e.g., approx. 10 cases of Whitworth spanners; these are of no use with American vehicles. It is to be noted that it will not be possible to kit the vehicles with the stores received. Important items, such as bomb throwers, telescope sighting, radio valves and turret compasses, are not available. Also, it will not be possible to assemble complete tool kits. Gun spares have been received in detail; the work required to sort out these and assemble them into kits will be immense. The condition of items of equipment is not good. Straps have been cut off clinometer cases, tools are rusty, and all wireless sets will require to be tested. It will take at least two months to identify, rack and bring to account these stores, and no definite list of deficiencies will be available until then. As a temporary measure, a list of the main deficiencies will be prepared, so that action may be taken by you to obtain them.

2. Racking has now been obtained from Turin, and will be assembled in the next few days. Items will be brought to account as they are racked, to avoid mistakes.

3. Census cards are not yet completed. A card has been prepared for each vehicle, but particulars of

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4. In conclusion, it is emphasised that the work of noting deficiencies, racking of stores, accounting for stores, and keeping a record of vehicles, cannot be completed by the time this Unit is estimated to close. The tanks will be of little use to the Italian Army if the kits are not complete.

D A Orlin
Major RAOC
6 MKU

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Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LOG _____ DATED _____ 4

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8. "A" Vehicles - San Felice - 15.4.47

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Asked Gen ROSSI what particular types of "A" Vehs were required for the "Study School" and whether this meant that every particular type was required.

Gen ROSSI informed me that the original plan was to have one specimen of each different type of tank in San Felice but that this plan was changed in order not to damage these vehicles. Gen ROSSI has found that he can make use of tanks handed over to ARAR (having armament destroyed) for this purpose.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

49-A

Tel : 489081
Ext : 218

SD/109/4
17 APRIL 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army
(S.M.E. for General IUIZZI)

Subject : AFVS - Standardisation.

When the next transfer of Allied tanks to the Italian Army has taken place, there will be 227 madium tanks of various types on your charge.

In order to comply with the terms of the Peace Treaty 27 of these tanks will have to returned to the Allies.

It is suggested that, before your O Branch hand these tanks back, your general staff should decide as a matter of policy, to what extent you wish to standardise your holding.

The factors to be considered seem to this Branch to be as follows :

(i) Tactical aspect of the different types of gun mounted in the tanks

(ii) Simplicity of supply, particularly of ammunition, etc. by having as few different types of gun as possible

(iii) Simplicity of maintenance by having as few different "marks" of tank as possible

(iv) Wider experience gained particularly at schools by retaining many varying types of gun and marks of tank

You are requested in due course to inform this Branch of your decision.

signedxxxxxxxxxx
Major General.
Director.

ARCS/mm

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: 489081
Ext: 342

Q/137/LF

17 Apr 47

NAPLES Detachment (I.L.F.B., A.F.H.Q.)
Villa AMELIA,
Via Manzoni,
POSILLIPO, NAPLES.

Subject:- Tank Kit Deficiencies.

Enclosed find deficiency lists for tank kits ex FORLI. Please investigate availability at PONTECAGNANO and report this HQ in due course.

Ref Folio 48-43

HJH/wf

Lt. Col.

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AE)	

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Subject: SAN FELICE VEHICLE PARK
EFFICIENCY LIST.

6 British Liaison Unit,
BOLOGNA. C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/LF
10th April 1947

To: A.D.O.S.,
Allied Force Headquarters,
Italian Land Forces Branch,
C.M.F.

Further to this H.Q. letter of even reference, dated 5th April 1947.

Attached hereto, a further Deficiency List - No.2 - (in triplicate).

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AE)	ls

Major DAA & QMG

6 BLU

EFICIENCY LIST NO.2

"A" Vehicle Park SAN FELICE

Wireless Sets No. 19 :-

ZA	2987	.....	Straps No.1 443
	2988	.....	Straps No.2 418
	2951	.....	Covers protecting No.2 89
	2952	.....	Covers W/proof No.1 443
	1763	.....	Aerial Bases No.8 199
	1764	.....	Aerial Bases No.9 39
	0937	.....	Key & Plug Assy No.9 298
	2904	.....	Microphone & Receiver Assy No.1 957
	10202	.....	Pads Mounting 1302
	1825	.....	Aerial Bases No.8 Mountings . 443
	1765	.....	Aerial Bases No.9 Mountings . 443
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			12 Point 5' 6" 30
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	3142	.....	Aerial Feeder Assy No.2 . . . 75
	10243	.....	Control Units No.1 343
	3102	.....	No.2 343
			Grummets. 398
	0894	.....	Antennae Rods No.1 39
	0895	.....	No.2 78
	0986	.....	No.3 78
	1904	.....	G Section 78
			Satchels Signal 129
			Cushions Drivers Sherman 11. . 35
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			Cushions Backs . . " . . " . . 109
			Ropes Towing Heavy 443
			Cover Breech 75 mm Gun 119
	D30674	.....	Cover Muzzle " " " 117
	D60094	.....	Cover Spare Barrel .30 MG . . 199
	D59527	.....	Cover Gun & Mount .50 MG. . . 89
			Cover Receiver .30 MG 698
	NIV 1982	.....	Cover Muzzle .30 MG 691
	E154723	.....	Cleaners Wool 75 mm. 124
	D 68375	.....	Belts Safety 213
	D 51284	.....	Boxes Ammo .50 (50 Rds). . . .1934
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	QBDX2DG	.....	

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10202	.....	Pads Mounting	1302
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SAZX - 1AD	.....	Padlocks W/2 Keys.	207
NIV 1503	.....	Cutters Wire	207
------	.....	Shovels G.S.	236
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E168025	.....	Brush Bore M10 W/Staff Cpte .	124
B156647	.....	Gun Lub. Screw Handle type 8oz	58
C4035	.....	Brush Cleaning M2.	124
37589	.....	Tarpaulins 12' x 12'	175
08456Z	.....	Cans Water 5 Gallon	886
1252	.....	Cases Map Commanders	283
WA220	.....	Cookers Portable No.2 Cpte . .	443
2822	.....	Gloves Loaders Pr	886

S/Cdr R.A.O.C.

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DEFICIENCY LIST NO.2

"A" Vehicle Park SAN FELICE

Wireless Sets No. 19 :-

ZA	2987	.....	Straps No.1 443
	2988	.....	Straps No.2 418
	2951	.....	Covers protecting No.2 89
	2952	.....	Covers W/proof No.1 443
	1763	.....	Aerial Bases No.8 199
	1764	.....	Aerial Bases No.9 39
	0937	.....	Key & Plug Assy No.9 298
	2904	.....	Microphone & Receiver Assy No.1 957
	10202	.....	Pads Mounting 1302
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S/Sgt R.A.O.C.

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Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LOG _____ DATED _____ 4

Ministry of National Defence - Army Liaison Log No

RELEASE OF "A" VEHICLES - FORLI 1.4.47

Col OLIVETTI - Handed in letter Q.137/LF dated 28 March on question of release of "A" vehicles in Forli pointing out the change in total of vehicles released as opposed to our Q.137/LF of 4 March owing to the fact that the difference had previously been released in other correspondence. This was agreed. Q(AF) A.B.C. Q.137

Also handed in to Col OLIVETTI Release Note Q.137/LF dated 29 March for 323 "A" vehicles (remaining portion of total of 1404 vehicles released in Forli).

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly AMLIA)

Tel: 489081
Ext: 415

V G. 137/LF
8 Apr 47

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1st Title

Ministry of National Defence - Army.

Subject: Release of "A" Vehicles ex Forli

39 40

Reference your 1/1329/Serv dated 26 Mar 47.

1. Please see this HQ letters G.157/LF dated 28 and 29 Mar 47.

2. "A" vehicles ex Forli which have been or are being transferred to "Gen Police" are to be considered as "frozen".
Authority is awaited for the transfer of these vehicles to the Italian Army. You will be notified immediately such authority is received.

3. All other vehicles are at your disposal and Shipping Tickets are being prepared for them.

See 65

R.A.C. Stanley
for Major General,
Director.

RAC/jw

Copy to: 6 British Liaison Unit

0.137/LF

Lt Col R.A. CURTIES, R.A.
Allied Force Headquarters
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly MMIA)
C.M.F.

April 47

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They have obviously done a great deal since we had our first recce. I will certainly circulate the photos to those interested.

We still await confirmation the vehicles can be handed over but I think that will be possible soon.

I hope you have good news from your wife.

My family are staying out a little longer and I hope we may see you when passing through Bologna.

Best Wishes,

Yours,

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6 British Liaison Unit,
BOLOGNA., C.M.F.

Reluctant

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Major W. H. Writer,
6 British Liaison Unit,
BOLOGNA. C.M.F.
1st April 1947

Dear Colonel,

I think you are the only member left (besides myself), of the original "Recce Party" to San Felice. You will therefore, no doubt, find the enclosed photographs of considerable interest. I hope it will give you some idea of the really hard work that has been put in by those concerned, and particularly by Major Alterio, the Officer Commanding.

I should be grateful if you would give these photos any publicity which you think they merit, and should receive.

If they are of any value to Headquarters, please keep them.

My kind regards to you and Mrs. Curties.

Yours ever,

D. A. Boyle.

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Lt. Col. R. A. CURTIES, R.A.
Allied Force Headquarters,
Italian Land Force Branch,
(ex I.M.A.S.)
C.M.F.

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Subject: SAN FELICE VEHICLE PARK.
DEFICIENCY LIST.

6 British Liaison Unit,
BOLOGNA. C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/LF
5th April 1947

To: A.D.O.S.,
Allied Force Headquarters,
Italian Land Forces Branch,
C.M.F.

Herewith principal deficiencies of kits for "A" vehicles drawn by the ITALIAN Army from 12 Vehicle Park.

It is regretted that this H.Q. was unable to contact you by phone on Thursday or Friday morning as requested.

It is pointed out that the deficiencies given with this letter represent solely the deficiencies of important items; a detailed deficiency list is being prepared and will be forwarded as soon as it is completed. Tool kits, gun spares and maintenance spares for small arms, have all been received in detail, so some time is required before deficiencies on these can be noted, as they will have to be checked by the O.W.O., the Italians being unable to identify the parts concerned.

D. A. Dunn.

Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AE)	

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DEFICIENCY LIST NO.1

SAN FELICE VEHICLE PARK.

3.4.1947

Guns Thompson Sub-Machine .45	116
Telescopes M70 F	166
Telescopes M70 Q	78
Telescopes Panoramic M12A2 or M5A3	103
Telescopes Elbow M16	78
Telescopes M55, M75 or M78	107
Telescopes Sighting No 43 Mk I	28
Telescopes M70 D	11
Telescopes M72 D	11
Telescopes M54	188
Periscopes M6	1856
Periscope M4 w/Telescope M40 or " " w/Telescope M46	269
Periscope M 4 w/Telescope M38	56
Heads Spare Periscope M2, M4, or M6 ...	3449
Bomb Thrower 2" Mk I	124
Compass Turret	194
Wireless Sets No 38	28
Wireless Sets No 19	248
Spare Valve Sets Complete for 19 Sets ..	886
Spare Valve Sets for 38 Sets	56
Headlamps 24 Volts	416
Headlamps 12 Volts	227
Spotlights 24 volt	300
Pistols Signal	124
Guns Machine Browning .30	162
Guns Machine Browning .50	95
Flags Signalling Sets	443
Extinguishers Fire 4 lb (Methyl Bromide)	420
Drums Range Zone A11	78
" " " V	78
" " " VII	78
Cover 105mm Carriage M7	78
Cover Breech M209	78
Cover Muzzle M4	78
Cover Breech 3" Gun	25
Cover Muzzle 3" Gun	25
Cover Gun and Cradle 3" M10	25

S/Cdr R.ACC.
Ordnance Warrant Officer 6 B.L.U.

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Subject: SAN FELICE VEHICLE PARK, BOLOGNA.

6 British Liaison Unit,
BOLOGNA. C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/LF
2nd April 1947

To: Allied Force Headquarters,
Italian Land Forces Branch,
C.M.F. -(3 copies)

Further to this H.Q. Progress Report for the month of March, 1947.

Further detail regarding the position of kitting etc., as at 31 Mar.'47, is forwarded for information.

1. All items of kit which are available from 12 Vehicle Park, have now been received. The items are mixed and are not cased by types. Many of them are not required, e.g., approx. 10 cases of Whitworth spanners; these are of no use with American vehicles. It is to be noted that it will not be possible to kit the vehicles with the stores received. Important items, such as bomb throwers, telescope sighting, radio valves and turret compasses, are not available. Also, it will not be possible to assemble complete tool kits. Gun spares have been received in detail; the work required to sort out these and assemble them into kits will be immense. The condition of items of equipment is not good. Straps have been cut off clinometer cases, tools are rusty, and all wireless sets will require to be tested. It will take at least two months to identify, rack and bring to account these stores, and no definite list of deficiencies will be available until then. As a temporary measure, a list of the main deficiencies will be prepared, so that action may be taken by you to obtain them.

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	✓
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AE)	
OPD	

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4. In conclusion, it is emphasized that the work of noting deficiencies, racking of stores, accounting for stores, and keeping a record of vehicles, cannot be completed by the time this Unit is estimated to close. The tanks will be of little use to the Italian Army if the kits are not complete.

D. A. Dunn
Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

WHW/ls

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Subject: Vehicle Issues to ITALIAN Army.

6 British Liaison Unit,
BOLOGNA. C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/LF
28th March 1947

To: ITALIAN Land Forces Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters,
(ex I.M.A.S.)
C.M.F.

Receipt in duplicate, in respect of 8 Sherman 1B Tanks returned to the American Army, is forwarded for retention.

These vehicles were railed to LEGHORN today.

To :	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Mai...	
Q (AL)	

WHW/ls

D. A. Brien.
Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

Q 1371/LF
Thos 2-4-47

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Date.. 27.3.47. ISSUE VOUCHER No. 3.

Issued by - ---- 6 British Liaison Unit
for M.M.I.A.

Issued To--------- AMERICAN ARMY.

Authority.-------- G.H.Q. C.M.F. SD 0030 of 18/3/47.

TANKS SHERMAN 1B CLASS 1..- ---------- Qty 8.

WD Nos.	Serial Nos.	EI&BRIT Nos.
269586	57270	8
270033	57269	2&23
270356	57610	15
270358	57581	10
269542	57412	12
270336	57537	14
270357	57406	22
270362	57542	11

Issued by J. Ryan S/Cdt RAOC
Ord 6. B.L.U.

Received by [illegible]
Lt Cdn Ord
3 Hd Qrs Armd Div Coy.
APO 78.

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SAN FELICE VEHICLE PARK, BOLOGNA.

Progress Report for the month of

March, 1947

CONFIDENTIAL

1. SITUATION.

The following ALLIED A.F.Vs were under the custody of the ITALIAN Army, as at 26 Mar.'47.

(a) SAN FELICE

Cars Light Armoured Greyhound		Cl.I	NIL
" " " "		Cl.II	NIL
" Med. " Staghound Mk I		Cl.I	32
" " " " "		Cl.II	30
" " " " "		Cl.III	50
" " " " Mk II		Cl.I	11
" " " " "		Cl.II	1
" " " " "		Cl.III	5
" Med. Staghound T 17 E2 A.A.		Cl.I	2
" " " " " " "		Cl.II	1
" " " " " " "		Cl.III	1
Sherman I		Cl.I	5
" IB		Cl.I	19
" IC		Cl.I	3
" II		Cl.I	4
" III		Cl.I	12
" III		Cl.II	5
" III Dozer		Cl.I	1
" V		Cl.I	95
" V		Cl.II	2
" VC		Cl.I	25
105 m.m. S.P. a/Tk M7 Mk I		Cl.I	11
" " " " " "		Cl.II	24
" " " " " "		Cl.III	43
3" S.P. Mtg M 10		Cl.I	1
" " " "		Cl.II	24

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of the ITALIAN Army, as at 26 Mar.'47.

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" " " " "	Cl.III	50	
" " " " Mk II	Cl.I	11	
" " " " "	Cl.II	1	
" " " " "	Cl.III	5	
" Med. Staghound T 17 M2 A.A.	Cl.I	2	
" " " " " " "	Cl.II	1	
" " " " " " "	Cl.III	1	
Sherman I	Cl.I	5	
" IB	Cl.I	19	
" IC	Cl.I	3	
" II	Cl.I	4	
" III	Cl.I	12	
" III	Cl.II	5	
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" " " " " "	Cl.III	43	
3" S.P. Mtg M 10	Cl.I	1	
" " " "	Cl.II	24	

(b) FORLI

Car Scout Humber Mk I	Cl.II	1	
" " " Mk II	Cl.II	2	
" " Ford Mk II	Cl.I	13	
" " " " "	Cl.II	9	
" " " " "	Cl.III	2	
" " " Mk III	Cl.II	2	

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Car Light Armd. Greyhound	. . . . .	Cl.I	30
" " " "	. . . . .	Cl.II	8
" " " "	. . . . .	Cl.III	21
Tank Light Stuart Recce	. . . . .	Cl.I	3
" " " "	. . . . .	Cl.II	6
" " " "	. . . . .	Cl.III	23
" " " "	. . . . .	Cl.IV	2

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(c) ON ISSUE

(i) Central Training School, RCME.

Car Light Armd Greyhound	. . . . .	Cl.I	6
" Med. Armd Staghound Mk I	. . . .	Cl.I	8

2. STRENGTH (Personnel).

(a) British

(i) Officers. 1. (S/Capt. R.E.M.E.)

(ii) O.Rs. 2. (1 O.W.O. 1 Clerk).

(b) Italian

(i) Officers 5.

(ii) O.Rs. 66.

Weapon Maint.	9.	Clerks	3.
W/T "	8.	Telephone Op.	1.
Stores.	7.	D.Rs	2.
Cooks	2.	Orderlies	2.
Drivers	2.	Veh. Maint.	30.

3. ACCOUNTING

The method outlined in Appendix A to this HQ letter Q/1/1/IF of 4 Mar.'47 has been adopted. Census Cards have been prepared in English and Italian (see

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" Med. Armd Staghound Mk I	Cl.I	8

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(a) British

(i) Officers. 1. (S/Capt. R.E.M.E.)

(ii) O.Rs. 2. (1 O.W.O. 1 Clerk).

(b) Italian

(i) Officers 5.

(ii) O.Rs. 66.

Weapon Maint.	9.	Clerks	3.
W/T "	8.	Telephone Op.	1.
Stores.	7.	D.Rs	2.
Cooks	2.	Orderlies	2.
Drivers	2.	Veh. Maint.	30.

3. ACCOUNTING

The method outlined in Appendix A to this HQ letter Q/1/1/IF of 4 Mar.'47 has been adopted. Census Cards have been prepared in English and Italian (see attached copy) giving full particulars in relation to each vehicle. The collation of necessary data is a long and laborious task, severely hampered by lack of personnel. Vehicles have been checked for deficiencies of fitted equipment, and a list of such deficiencies is being prepared. It is proposed to hand a copy of this list to O.C., 12 Veh Park, who has promised to issue against deficiencies, if items are available.

Blocks of EI Brit. Nos. have been allotted to vehicles. (See attached list).

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A physical check during the current month has been completed, and there are no vehicle deficiencies.

4. MAINTENANCE.

An honest endeavour has been made to follow the method outlined in the above quoted Appendix A. Fulfilment of the task has not been possible for the following reasons:-

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(ii) Deficiency of vehicle batteries;

(iii) Inadequate battery charging equipment.

Generally, the condition of vehicles is an improvement on their original state at reception.

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Bin Cards have been printed (see copy attached), and will be taken into use when vouchers have been delivered and checked.

Kit lists for each type of vehicle have been obtained from 12 Veh. Park, but need translating into ITALIAN. It is apparent that vehicles will not be completed to A, B and C lists.

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The sorting, identification, racking and bringing on charge of equipment, will take considerable time (even if a trained and competent staff were available) and it is obvious that it cannot be completed in the estimated time available. Final delivery of stores has not yet been made.

Major ALTERIO, O.C. Veh. Park, accompanied by O.W.O. this unit, inspected the kit store at 12 Veh. Park, FORLI, in order to give a representative of the ITALIAN Army, an appreciation of the BRITISH method of store keeping.

Catalogues, Spare Parts Lists, Identification Lists and Maintenance Manuals, have been requested from 500 A.O.D. All will need translating into ITALIAN, before they can be of use.

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(iii) Suitably trained technical personnel, including fitters, armament, W/T and storekeeping personnel;

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(iv) Specialised equipment for recovery and transportation of A.F.Vs;

(v) The training of A.F.V crews;

(vi) Translations of applicable hand-books etc.

Immediate requirements at SAN FELICE are:-

(i) An increase of working parties by at least 200%;

(ii) Provision of trained personnel in storekeeping and accounting - a minimum of 1 Officer, 1 W.O. and 6 Rank & File;

(iii) A mobile workshop, with requisite personnel, similar to a Type C BRITISH L.A.D.

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D. A'Brien.

Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

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A.F.H.Q., I.M.A.S., L.F.S.S., (5 copies)

Internal:-
S/Capt. R.E.M.E.
O.W.O.
File

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NI HR NOS. allotted to BRITISH A.F.Vs under the custody of the ITALIAN Army.

Make & Type	Class		NI HR Nos.
Sherman I	I		1-5
" IB	II		6-24
" IC	II		25-27
" II	II		28-31
" III	II		32-43
" III	II		44-48
" III Dozer	II		49
" V	II		50-145
" V	II		146-148
" VC	II		149-173
105 m.m. S.P. a/TK. M7 MK I	II		174-184
" " " " " "	II		185-208
" " " " " "	III		209-251
3" S.P. Mtg. M 10	I		252
" " " "	II		253-277
Tank Light Stuart Recce	-		278-311
Cars Lt. Armd Greyhound	I		312-347
" " " "	II		348-355
" " " "	III		356-376
" Med. Armd. Staghound Mk I	I		377-406
" " " " "	II		407-436
" " " " "	III		437-486
" " " " Mk II	I		487-496
" " " " "	II		497
" " Staghound T17E2 A.A.	III		498-502
" " " " "	I		503-504
" " " " "	II		505
" " " " "	III		506
Car Scout Ford Mark II	I		507-519
" " " " "	II		520-529
" " " " III	III		530
Car " Humber Mk I	II		531-532
" " " " II	II		533
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly M.M.I.A.)

Tel : 489081
Ext : 407

Q.137/IF
29 March 47

Ministry of National Defence - ARMY.

Subject : Releases - 'A' Vehicles.

1. With reference to this HQ letters Q.137/IF dated 4 March and 28 March 1947.

2. The following vehicles complete with kits are available at FORLI:

Authy: GHQ SDO 882 of 24 Feb 47.
GHQ Q VR/9004 of 3 March 47. see copy attached

Serial No.	Item.	Class.	Qty.	Destination.
1	Carriers Universal Mk I	I	30	(a)
2	Cars Scout Ford Mk II	I	5	"
3	Car Lt Armd Ford M8 (Greyhound)	I	16	"
4	Carriers Track Towing No 2	II	130	"
5	Truck 15 cwt ½ track personnel w/o winch	II	25	"
6	Truck 15 cwt ½ track with winch	II	15	"
7	Car Scout Humber Mk I	II	1	"
8	" " " Mk II	II	2	"
9	" " Ford Mk II	II	9	"
10	Truck 15 cwt ½ track with winch	III	35	"
11	Car Lt Armd Ford M8 (Greyhound)	III	21	"
12	Stuart RECCE	III	34	"
	Carrier Scout Ford Mk II	I		

Note (a) To be taken over in Sicily

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3. Collection will be effected by the Ministry of National Defence - ARMY.

Major General.
Director.

Copies to:- 6 BLU (2) (for action: ref this HQ Q.101 of 25 July 46)
Internal : G(Ops & SD)
G(Trg)
Q Accounts (confirm receipt of vouchers to Q)
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COPY.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,
Q BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE.

Ref. VR/9004

To: IMAS for Italian Army.

Date: 3 Mar 47

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	M.T.Code	Description of Vehicles	Class	Park/ Group
30		Carriers Universal Mk I=	I	12 Veh Pk
5		Car Scout Ford Mk 2	I	FORLI
16		Car Lt Armd Ford M8 (Greyhound)	I	" "
130		Carriers Track Towing No. 2	II	" "
25		Truck 15 cwt ½ track Personnel w/c winch	II	" "
15		Truck 15 cwt ½ track with winch	II	" "
1		Car Scout Humber Mk I	II	" "
2		Car Scout Humber Mk II	II	" "
9		Car Scout Ford Mk 2	II	" "
35		Truck 15 cwt ½ track with winch	III	" "
21		Car Lt Armd Ford M8 (Greyhound)	III	" "
34		Stuart Recce	III	" "

Remarks: Ex 12 Veh Pk FORLI with complete kits. Unit to collect.

Release Intsructions.

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

Sgd. I.A.GORDON, Captain,
for Brig IC Adm.

Distribution:
Ord Directorate.....
File.....

Originals sent to GBLO attached to our AN Q/B7/LF of 24 March

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THIRD FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Civilian Local Forces Branch

Tels 48/083I
Parts 407

G/137/IF

8 Mar 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army.

Subject:- Release of "A" Vehicles - FORTY.

With reference to this HQ letter G/137/IF dated 4 Mar 47.

1. Information has been received that the 36 vehicles Serials 1 to 4 inclusive, listed in Appendix "A", represent the balance of the commitment of vehicles for SAN PEDRO Vehicle Park, already released in this HQ 137 G of 4 Jan, plus 2 Carriers Unarm, Stores and Chevrot, already released in this HQ 137 G of 21 Jan 47.

2. The total of vehicles to be held in enclosure should therefore be amended to read:

108-
313
1454

SEE 46
SEE 47

HPI/mf

Major General
Director.

Copy to:- HQ 6 Div - Your G/4/3/IF dated 5 Mar 47 refers.
Liaison.

R 27/3/47

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of Defence. REF: 1/1329/Serv.

TO: Land Forces Branch. DATE: 26 March 1947.

SUBJECT:- Release of type "A" vehicles.

Reference your letter Q.137/L.F. of 4 March 1947.

We beg you to kindly inform us if all the type "A" vehicles, referred to in above letter and transferred to the Italian Army by the Allied park at Forlì, are to be considered available (as already confirmed for carriers) or if some types of the vehicles released are to be considered as still frozen and at the disposal of your Mission, as laid down for the armoured vehicles at the park at S.Felice, Bologna.

SEE 46

sgd. MELONI
Col.

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	RAG
Q Liaison	
Q Mai	
Q (AE)	

R.A.G.

Lu 39

R 27.3.

A.Q.137/L.F.

DE/sp

MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA
STATO MAGGIORE DELL'ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi & Sezione S.M.

N.1/1329/Serv.di prot.- Roma, li 26 marzo 1947

OGGETTO: cessione automezzi "A" - Forlì.-

AL A. F. H. Q. LAND FORCES BRANCH

R o m a

Riferimento suo foglio O.137/L.F del 4 marzo 1947.-

Pregasi voler comunicare se gli automezzi "A" di cui al citato foglio trasferiti all'Esercito italiano dal parco alleato di Forlì, sono tutti da considerarsi disponibili (come già confermato per le carrette cingolate), ovvero se taluni tipi dei mezzi ceduti devono considerarsi tuttora vincolati ed a disposizione di codesta Missione, come stabilito per i veicoli carazzati accentrati nel parco di S.Felice in Bologna.-

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IN ... Data 27/3

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TRANSMISSION

IN — Time 1100 — Date 2-1/5

OUT — Time 15 — Date 2/3

STATO MAGGIORE ESERCITO * UFFICIO * REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

d'ordine
IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
- colonnello N.Meloni -

A Q137/LF

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AIR HQ FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Naval Forces Branch

Tel: 4[illegible]
Ext: 218

AD/109/4

25 March 47.

Ministry of National Defence - Army

Subject:- Transfer of Armament for four Trenty ITALIAN Army.

Ref this HQ AD/109 dated 17 Jan 47.

It is regretted that, eight SHERMAN to make out of the nineteen tanks of this type in the RAF MIDDLE Vehicle Park at HELIOPOLIS are now required by the US Government for shipment to US.

Arrangements for the return of these tanks to the ARSENALS are now being made with G SOM.

H.C. Jones Lt Col
for Major General.
Director.

AIGS/ccc

Copy to: G SOM

'Q' Branch (for action on actual transfer).

TO : →	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q [illegible]	

A.Q. 13/5
Res 26-3-47.

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Date	Italian rep:	British rep:	No. 6

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Organico	Denominazione del materiale	N. del catalogo

Data del buono	Numero del buono	Carico	Scarico	Rimanenza	Note

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P Land forces

BY REGISTERED POST

38-B

Subject: Vehicle Issues to ITALIAN Army.

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1 APR 1947

6 British Liaison Unit,
BOLOGNA. C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/LF
24th March 1947

To: Allied Forces Headquarters,
Italian Military Affairs Section,
Land Forces Sub-Section.
C.M.F.

Herewith copy of Issue Vouchers No.196, 204 and 204A, in respect of "A" Vehicles issued to the ITALIAN Army, duly signed by an ITALIAN Army representative.

It is to be noted that these vouchers clear ALL vehicles notified in Appendix "A" to your Q137/LF of 4 Mar. 1947, but the class of vehicle does not in all cases agree with that stated by you. Additionally, 29 Carriers Universal MK I, Class I, ONLY have been issued (and NOT 30), these representing the maximum availability.

Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

WHW/ls

Rec'd 1/4/47

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(36-A)

TRANSLATION

From: M. of D. Ref: 4233/DST

To : Bologna Military Territorial Command. Date: 24/3/47
IMAS (for info)

(Ref. letter SD/109/LF dated 12/3/47)

In complying with the request made, AFHQ IMAS LFSS has placed at the disposal of this Ministry, one of each of the following types of armoured vehicles which were withdrawn from the Allied camp of Forli for the Armoured Vehicles Park of S. Felice/:

- Greyhound light armoured car
- Recce car
- Shermann tank
- 105 m/m M. 17 Mobile gun
- CC 3 inch (7.5) Mobile gun

- N° 6 BLU has already been informed by LFSS.

- We request you therefore to arrange for the dispatch (2 at a time) of the a/m armoured vehicles to the MT Studies Office in Viale Pinturicchio - Rome.

- Direct agreements will be made with the Studies Office for the dispatch and handing over.

- For the Studies Office we repeat the instructions in letter N° 95 dated 7-I-47 i.e; that the vehicles must be quickly returned after they have been studied, to the Park of S. Felice in the same condition in which they are received as the vehicles are British Army W.D. property.

We await your reply.

Sgd. ROSSI
Gen.

A/Q
"Q"
Q Liaison
Q Main
Q (AE)

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Distribution:
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SD/109/4

Rez 31-3-47

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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LROF V MEX3 U4 242224

FROM GHQ CMF 241115B

TO MMIA

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SI00056 (.) UNCLAS (.) REF CUR SD0030 OF 18 MTCHSA 013775 OF 23 (.) PLEASE NOTE THAT OF THE 19 (NINETEEN) SHERMAN ID NOW AT BOLOGNA ONLY 8 (EIGHT) ARE BEING RECAPTURED BY THE AMERICANS LEAVING 11 (ELEVEN) FOR THE ITALIANS

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ET

SENT FROM MEX3 BY 'EAGER' AT 1347 BK

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

LROF V LAGR NR R 17/23

QVR3

FROM : MTOUSA 231054 B

TO : FEB

INFO GHQ CMF . MEDIA

BT

G 13775

UNCLASSIFIED (.) SUBJECT IS RECAPTURE OF LEND LEASE TANKS FROM THE BRITISH, REFERENCE WCL 46898 AND GHQ CMF SD/0030 (.) TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO HAVE EIGHT SAOR TANKS, MEDIUM, M4, WITH 105, LOCATED AT BOLOGNA, INSPECTED AND RECAPTURED FOR RETURN TO ET (.) PARA COMPLIED TO GHQ CMF, COPY TO MTOUSA AND MEDIA, WHICH OF THE 19 TANKS AVAILABLE AT BOLOGNA ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS CONSIGNMENT(.) PARA REQUEST THAT INSPECTION BE EXPEDITED TO ALLOW SHIPMENT TO LEGHORN PRIOR TO 31 MARCH CURRENT (.) PARA FOR GHQ CMF, THE REMAINING 11 TANKS AT BOLOGNA, SHERMAN 1 BAKER, WILL NOT BE REQUIRED FOR RECAPTURE.

BT

SENT WJN AR K

(O.S.)
A/Q
"Q"
Q Liaison
Q Main
Q (A[illegible]

I Q137/4f

Rec 24-3-43.

C.M.F. DATE

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BY REGISTERED POST

Subject: VEHICLE ISSUE TO ITALIAN ARMY.

6 British Liaison Unit,
BOLOGNA. C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/IF
20th March 1947

To: Allied Forces Headquarters,
Italian Military Affairs Section,
Land Forces Sub-Section,
C.M.F.

Herewith copy of issue vouchers No's 190, 191 & 197 in respect of "A" vehicles issued to the ITALIAN Army, duly signed by an ITALIAN Army representative as requested.

It is to be noted that these vouchers clear the 36 vehicles re-notified in your Appendix "A" to Q137/IF of 4 Mar.'47, (and clarified in this HQ letter of even reference of 8 Mar. '47), plus part consignment of the 323 vehicles shewn also on the above quoted Appendix "A".

To See	
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"Q"	
Q Liaison	

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Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

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A Q137/LF
Reg 24/3/47.

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UNCLASSIFIED

UNDER G H Q ATTY NO 0030 OF 18 MAR 47 12 VIS PR REP WING US INSPECTION TEAM WILL SELECT FOR REMOVAL FROM BOLOGNA 8 GENERAL IB (.) MUNIS ALL FACILITIES FOR INSPECTION ARE ARRANGED (.)

FOR 12 VIS PR GENERAL 6 INF X P A

Ab 66 6GLU 14.20hrs. 20/3 - gave above message verbally D 20/3.

G. 137/AP

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UNDER G H Q SENT ID 0030 GP 18 MAR 47 12 VIA FX RSP WITH

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6 GERMAN IB (.) ENSURE ALL FACILITIES FOR INSPECTION ARE

ARRANGED (.)

FOR 12 VIA FX SIGNAL 6 ENT R T A

Ap. 66. 6BLU 14.20hrs. 20/3 + gave above message verbally

20/3.

137/13

IMMEDIATE

R.A.CURTIES, Lt Col

SP

18/3/47

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GHQ OUTGOING MESSAGE

FILE NO : MOV3/400/1

37-11

FROM : GHQ CMF D/TOG : MAR 19/1715 B

TO FOR ACTION : LOCMOVES ROME : MOV LIAISON ROME : MOV RIMINI : 38 VEH COY :
12 VEH PK FORLI : MTOUSA FOR G4 : PBS MAIN

INFO : MOV TRAFFIC OFFICE PADUA : MIA DEPOT BOLOGNA

ORIGINATORS REF: QM/3195

UNCLASS FROM MJ (MOV) (.) SUBJECT AFV MOVEMENT (.) FURTHER TO MY QM/3176 OF 181800

NOT TO ALL (.)

ONE (.) 42 SHERMAN CRABS WILL MOVE FORLI TO LEGHORN ON FIVE SPECIAL TRAINS DEPARTING FORLI 22/23/24/25/26 MARCH 47 (.)

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THREE (.) LOCMOVES ROME WILL ENSURE WARFLATS ARE PLACED FOR LOADING BY 0800 HOURS 21/22/23/24/25 MARCH 47 (.)

FOUR (.) TRAINS WILL DEPART ON FOLLOWING TIMINGS (.) FORLI DEP 1510 BOLOGNA 1851/1945 PRATO 2314/2338 FLORENCE RIFREDI 0012/0013 PISA 0305/0352 LEGHORN ARR 0436 (.)

FIVE (.) 8 SHERMAN CRABS WILL MOVE BOLOGNA/LEGHORN ON 1 SPECIAL TRAIN DEPARTING BOLOGNA 28 MARCH 47 (.)

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EIGHT (.) TRAINS WILL DEPART BOLOGNA 281945 ARR LEGHORN 290436 (.) INTERMEDIATE TIMINGS AS IN PARA FOUR ABOVE (.)

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TEN (.) TREAT AS SPECIAL WATCH TRAFFIC THROUGHOUT (.)

ELEVEN (.) ALL INFORMED

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:

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PRIORITY : IMPORTANT TO ACTION
ROUTINE TO INFO

22.3.47.

SIGNED : E.S. TRUSLER, LT COL

TEL NO : PADUA 22673

Copy to: Q 137/LF ←

Q 137/LF

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : GHQ CMF 181410 B

TO : MTOUSA

INFO : MMIA - 38 VEH COY - 12 VEH PK FORLI - AFHQ

SD 0030 (.) UNCLASS (.) OUR SD 0003 OF 13 AND TELECOMN MCILROY - SANDERS OF 17 (.)

FIRST (.) OF QTY 42 SHERMANS NOW AT FORLI 7 ARE SHERMAN IB AND HAVE, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, BEEN INSPECTED BY YOU AND ACCEPTED (.)

SECOND (.) 19 SHERMAN IB HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO MMIA DEPOT BOLOGNA FOR ITALIAN ARMY (.) THESE CAN BE RECAPTURED AT ANY TIME AS IN OUR SD 0636 OF 7 JAN (.) TO COMPLETE THE 15 SHERMAN IB REQUIRED BY YOU IT IS PROPOSED TO RECAPTURE 8 FROM THE ITALIANS (.)

THERD (.) AS IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT 12 VEH PK FORLI IS CLOSED BY 31 MAR YOU ARE REQUESTED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING URGENT ACTION (.)

A. ARRANGE FOR THE TKS AT BOLOGNA TO BE INSPECTED (.) THIS SHOULD BE DONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A REP FROM 12 VEH PK (.)

B. CONFIRM TO GHQ COPY TO MMIA WHICH OF THE 19 TKS AT BOLOGNA ARE REQUIRED BY YOU (.)

C. CONFIRM TO GHQ COPY TO MMIA THAT THE REMAINING 11 TKS AT BOLOGNA MAY BE DISPOSED OF TO THE ITALIAN ARMY (.)

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"Q" Distribution: Action: Q.137/LF
Info : G(SD)
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19/3/47

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FROM CMA CIF 131410 Z

TO MEDUSA

INFO MEDIA - ES WEM SOX - 12 WEM PM FORLI - AFHQ

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SUBJECT: [redacted] REQUIRED BY YOU AT IT IS PROPOSED TO RECAPTURE
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ENTIRE WHOLE TRANSACTION IE PARAS THIRD AND FOURTH ABOVE TO BE
COMPLETED BY 31 MAR . GOORD "A" AND GRO
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SGN B. CONFIRM TO GHQ COPY TO MMIA
GOORD "Q" G.10 GSD

[redacted]

SENT MR 180252 EJB 21H

TO DIR MT 1835 WI

To See	
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Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

Mar.

FROM: AFHQ

TO : (BX) CMF

INFO: LFSS NCSS

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YOUR SD 0969 OF 7 MARCH REPEAT (.) PARA ONE (.) YOU ARE AUTHORIZED SUBJECT TO WAR OFFICE APPROVAL WHICH YOU SHOULD OBTAIN TO TURNOVER TO THE ITALIAN ARMY EQUIPMENT HELD IN TEMPORARY DEPOTS ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR FX 74311 OF 15 JAN (.) IN EFFECTING THIS TURNOVER YOU SHOULD ENSURE THAT PARA THREE (A) REPEAT ABLE UNPATOM OF OUR FX 74311 HAS BEEN COMPLIED WITH (.) SIXTH REPEAT SIXTH PERIOD (.) PARA TWO (.) FOR LAND FORCES SUB SECTION (.) YOUR 3947 OF 4 MARCH REFERS

2 nd J.
Folio 72

Folio 20

17 March 1947
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To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AE)	

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of D.

To : IMAS

Ref: I/IO84/Serv

Date: 12/3/47

Subject: Release of "A" vehicles of Forlì Camp.

Reply to letter Q/137/LF dated 4/3/47.

We affirm that the Bologna Mil. Terr. Command is in a position to take on charge the 359 vehicles which will be released to the Italian Army and to arrange for the guarding of same.

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (A)	

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Sgd. MELONI
Col.

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MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA
STATO MAGGIORE DELL'ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione S.M.

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N.1/ 1084 /Serv.di prot.- Roma, li 12 marzo 1947

OGGETTO: cessione di automezzi "A" del campo di Forlì.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB SECTION (I.M.A.S.)

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R o m a

Risposta al foglio Q/137/L F del 4 marzo c.m.-

Si assicura che il Comilitar di Bologna è in condizioni di prendere in consegna i 359 automezzi che saranno ceduti all'Esercito Italiano, e di provvedere per il servizio di guardia.-

Please translate priority
13/3.

d'ordine
IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
- colonnello N.Meloni -

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12 Mar 47

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE - ARMY

Subject : Transfer of Equipment for Post Peace Treaty ITALIAN Army

Reference your letter 3231 of 28 Feb 47.

1. The request contained in your letter is agreed to.

2. It should be understood that the conditions stated in paragraph 2 of our letter SD/109 dated 17 Jan 47 will continue to apply to those vehicles and that nothing should be done to these vehicles which could prevent their being handed back to the ALLIED Forces in their present condition, should it be necessary to do so.

M. W. Hapgood
Major-General,
Director.

M H/ell

Copy to 6 HLJ (including copy of letter referred to)
(3231 of 28 Feb 47)

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Subject: Vehicle Releases - BRITISH Origin.

6 British Liaison Unit,
BOLOGNA. C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/LF
8th Mar.'47

To: Allied Forces Headquarters,
Italian Military Affairs Section,
Land Forces Sub-Section.
CMF.

Reference your Q137/LF of 4 March '47, addressed to Ministry of National Defence - Army.

It is pointed out that the 36 vehicles, Serials 1-4 incl. listed in Appendix "A", represent the balance of the commitment of vehicles for SAN FELICE Vehicle Park, plus 2 Carriers truck, Starter & Charger, released in your 137 Q of 21 Jan.'47.

Major DMA & QMG
6 BLU

WHW/ls

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2nd Jan

Major DAA & QMG

6 HLU

WHW/ls

Sp. Writes. He maintains there is no doubt the 36 Vehs referred to are for 1A and a duplication of earlier releases 28/3

To See	
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"Q"	✓
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AE)	

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FM [redacted] JEIC CMP

TO : AFHQ

INFO: EMAS LFSS

071630 A

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SEC 969 (.) REF YOUR FX 74[illegible]1 OF 15 JAN (.) IN VIEW OF THE PROXIMITY OF R DAY ESSENTIAL THAT THE AGREEMENTS REFERRED TO IN PARA ONE OF YOUR CABLE ARE ARRANGED AT A VERY EARLY DATE (.) WOULD APPRECIATE ANY STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO EXPEDITE ARRANGEMENTS

See Folio (31)

8 Mar 1947

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To See :
AFHQ
"Q"
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[redacted] Minton
[redacted] (AAF)

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Subject: Vehicle Releases - BRITISH.

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6 British Liaison Unit
BOLOGNA, C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/DF
6th March 1947

To: VI CORPS/ENER

It is noted that certain BRITISH "A" type vehicles have been issued to you, deficient of main armament.

You are requested, please, to contact forthwith, O.C., 12 Vehicle Park, FORLI, who will arrange the necessary issues.

D. O'Brien.
Major DAA & QMG

6 BLU

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D. O'Brien
Major DAA & QMG

6 DEC

Copy to:- A.F.H.Q., I.M.A.S., CMF

Comando del Parco Veicoli
Corazzati.

WH/ha

Re 5/47

1 Q 137/CF

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Subject : VEHICLE RELEASES - BRITISH ORIGIN

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6 British Liaison Unit
Bologna C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/LF
6th March '47

TO : Allied Force Headquarters
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub - Section

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O.C. 12 Vehicle Park has now informed this Headquarters, that the 19 Sherman I Bs released to the ITALIAN Army, will be retained and NOT returned as heretofore stated. The 25 Sherman II As will NOT be issued.

For your information.

See Release record file. dated 17 and 20

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	Reg
Q Liaison	
Q Main	
[illegible]	

WHW/sr

Major DAA & QMG.
6 BLU.

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A.Q. 137/LF

Subject: Vehicle Releases - BRITISH Origin.

RECEIVED 10 MAR 1947

6 British Liaison Unit
BOLOGNA. C.M.F.
Tel: 28052
Ref: Q/4/5/IF
6th Mar. '47.

To: VI COMPLETER

Pending confirmation by A.F.H.Q., I.M.A.S., the following vehicles ex 12 Vehicle Park, FORLI, will be handed over "in situ" to the ITALIAN Army.

Carr. Universal Mk I	Class	I	Quantity	30
" T/Towing No.2	"	II	"	130
Truck 15cwt H/T Pers.w/o/winch	"	II	"	25
" " " " w/winch	"	II	"	15
" " " " "	"	III	"	35
Car Scout Humber Mk I	"	II	"	1
" " " " II	"	II	"	2
Car Scout Ford " II	"	I	"	5
" " " " "	"	II	"	9
Car Lt. Armd Greyhound	"	I	"	16
" " " "	"	III	"	21
Stuart Lt. Recce	"	III	"	34

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G.C. 12 Vehicle Park has this day informed me that part of this consignment has already been received by your representative, and placed in the ITALIAN Army compound. Additionally, arrangements will be made to hand over one Nissen hut for use by your personnel, and it is hoped that a further hut will be at your disposal at a later date.

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" 2/Towing No.2	"	II	" 150
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Car Scout Humber Mk I	"	II	" 1
" " " " II	"	II	" 2
Car Scout Ford " II	"	I	" 5
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D. N. Orlik
Major RNA & CME
6 HLI

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Mov.	
Q (Adv)	

Copy to: Comando del Parco
Veicoli Corazzati.

A.F.H.Q., I.M.A.S. (Telephone conversation, INCIENTT/WRITER speaking, of (yesterday's date, refers).

WHE/lo

Rolls
1 Q.137/2F

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Reference : SL 09/4/LF of 28 Feb 47.

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REPORT ON INSPECTION OF ARMOURED CARS AT
ARMOURED CAR SCHOOL TOR DI QUINTO ON
MONDAY 3rd FEB 1947.

1. Numbers received from BOLOGNA

FORD M 8 (Greyhound) Light Armoured - No 6
T. 17. E.1. (Staghound) Medium Armoured - No 8

2. GRAYHOUNDS.

Nos. 268996
268681
269008
268833
268974
269035

CONDITION

Body work - good
Tyres - good
Engines - good
Wireless - all without wireless equipment
Gun Sights - 5 deficient
Tools & Equipment - Approx 50% deficient.

3. STAGHOUNDS

Nos. 225492
116341
214153
214116
214125
225461
275533
225336

CONDITION

Body work - good (replaced bad)

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Nos. 268996
268681
269008
268833
268974
269035

CONDITION

Body work - good
Tyres - good
Engines - good
Wireless - all without wireless equipment
Gun Sights - 5 deficient
Tools & Equipment - Approx 50% deficient.

3. SEAGHOUNDS

Nos. 225492
116341
214153
214116
214125
225461
275533
225336

CONDITION

Body work - good (Mudguards bad)
Tyres - average
Engines - In working order but worn
1 engine with cylinder cracked
4 gaskets burnt out
Steering - 1 car out of order
Wireless - all valves missing in wireless sets
25 head sets missing
7 protective grills for sets missing
2 voltemeters out of order.

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Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LOG X1 DATED 6 March 47.

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It Col ALOIA 4. 3. 47.

In absence of Col Maloni handed in and explained Q. 137 of 4 March relative to release of "A" vehicles at Forli.	Q(Maint) Q. 137

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Subject: VEHICLE RELEASES - BRITISH ORIGIN

6 British Liaison Unit
Bologna C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/LF
5th March '47

To : Allied Forces Headquarters
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub - Section
(for "G" SD)

Reference your SD/109/4/LF of 28 Feb 47.

Your attention is respectfully drawn to the following:

(a) Quantity of Cars Light Armoured Greyhound consigned to Armoured Car Schools, was 6 and not 14.

(b) These vehicles are not half - tracked.

For your information.

WHW/sr

Major DAA & QMG.
6 BLU.

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of D.

To : EMAS

Ref : 6/697/Serv

Date: 4/3/47

Subject: Armoured vehicles.

Ref your letter SD/109/4/LF dated 28/2/47.

The movement of the armoured-cars from the Bologna Armoured Vehicle Park to the Armoured Car School was carried out due to a misunderstanding by this S.M., who, at first, thought that the armoured cars were excluded from the restrictions imposed on the vehicles in question.

This office realised the error, after having carried out the movement.

Whilst giving assurance that the regulations contained in letter SD/109 dated 17/1/47 will be observed, we would point out that the armoured cars transferred to the Armoured Car School are the following:

8 Medium Staghound armoured cars.
6 Light Greyhound armoured cars.

Up to the 28/2/47 only 6 Greyhound armoured cars of the original 28 have been handed over to the Bologna Armoured Vehicle Park.

The 6 Greyhounds armoured cars transferred to the Armoured Car School will be returned to the Bologna Armoured Vehicle Park as they are to be considered in excess to the requirements of the School.

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sgd. MELONI
Col.

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To Se
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Subject: Maintenance of Vehicles on loan to the ITALIAN Army.

6 British Liaison Unit
BOLOGNA. C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/LF
4th Mar.'47.

To: Allied Forces Headquarters,
Italian Military Affairs Section.
Land Forces Sub-Section.
C.M.F.

Further to your Q137/LF of 14 Feb.'47., and this H.Q. letter of even reference dated 21 Feb.'47.

1. Enclosed herewith, copy of this H.Q. letter Q/1/1/LF of 4 March '47, addressed VI COMILITER, together with Appendix: this letter shows the method to be adopted regarding the accounting, maintenance and inspection of "A" Type vehicles.

2. The method of accounting is considered adequate: that of maintenance and inspection, far from ideal, but the best that can be arranged, bearing in mind the facilities and difficulties with regard to personnel.

3. An index of Master Ledger, showing Serial Nos. allocated, will be forwarded as soon as completed.

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(ii) 3 Breakdown Recovery vehicles - Scammell.
(iii) 3 Tank Transporters C- W. trailer .
(iv) 3 U/S GMC (Diesel) Continental/Chrysler engines - for instructional purposes.
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6. Your comments in due course, will be appreciated.

W. A. Brun.
Major-Dist & CMG
6 BLU

To See	
AQ2	
"G"	RAB
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AE)	

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C.W.C.

WHW/ls

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"A" VEHICLE STATE

SAN FELICE VEHICLE PARK

State as at 4th March 1947.

DESIGNATION		ISSUED TO DATE		REMARKS
Car Lt Armd Greyhound		Cl.I	6	(Despatched Central Training Schools.
Car Med Armd Staghound Mk I		Cl.I	32	(8 despatched Central Training Schools.
" " " " " "		Cl.II	29	(1 no weapon piece (1 no battery.
" " " " " "		Cl.III	50	(1 no weapon piece.
" " " " "	II	Cl.I	11	(1 over issue.
" " " " " "		Cl.II	1	(No weapon piece.
" " " " " "		Cl.III	5	
" " Staghound T1 7E2 A.A.		Cl.I	2	
" " " " " "		Cl.II	1	
" " " " " "		Cl.III	1	
Sherman I		Cl.I	5	
" IB		Cl.I	19	(~~To be returned.~~
" IC		Cl.I	3	
" II		Cl.I	4	
" III		Cl.I	12	
" "		Cl.II	5	
" III Dozer		Cl.I	1	
" 5		Cl.I	95	(95 only available. 96
" "		Cl.II	2	(2 only available. 3 shown
" 5C		Cl.I	25	171
105mm S.P. A/T M7 Mk 1		Cl.I	11	on our release note
" " " " "	1	Cl.II	24	
" " " " "	1	Cl.III	43	
3" S.P. MTC M10		Cl.I	1	
" " " "		Cl.II	24	

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(B)

Subject: Preservation, inspecting and accounting of BRITISH "A" Type vehicles at SAN FELICE Vehicle Park.

6 British Liaison Unit
BOLOGNA. C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/1/IF
4th March 1947

To: VI COMILITER

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D. L. Orde
~~Major~~ DAA & QMG
6 BLU

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D. L. O'Brien
Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

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(C)

Appendix "A"

to 6 RLU letter Q/A/1/IF of

4th March '47

Method of Accounting, Maintenance and Inspection of BRITISH "A" Type Vehicles at SAN FELIPE Vehicle Park.

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1. ACCOUNTING.

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(i) Serial No. by blocks according to make, type and class, e.g.

EI-HR 1-20 Cars Lt. Armd Greyhound - Class I

EI-HR 21-28 Cars Lt. Armd Greyhound - Class II

EI-HR 29-62 Cars Med. Stagbound - Mk I - Class I

(ii) BRITISH W.D. No.

(iii) Nomenclature.

(iv) Class (condition)

(v) Armament.

(vi) Remarks - relating to specific damages, deficiencies, etc., of fitted equipment and vehicle.

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(d) Physical Checks

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2. MAINTENANCE

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3. INSPECTION.

Monthly Inspections are not possible, owing to non-availability of technicians.

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(E)

Subject: Inservation, inspecting and accounting of BRITISH "A" Type vehicles at SAN PEDRO Vehicle Park.

6 British Liaison Unit
SAN PEDRO. C.A.F.
Tel: 26032
Ref: A/A/A/2
4th March 1947

To: VI CORPS (ENG)

Further to this H.Q. letter A/2/2 of 20 Feb.'47, and your reply thereto under reference G4/453/Serv. of 24 Feb.'47.

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Major [illegible] A.G.C.
6 M.A.

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Appendix "A"

to 6 HQ letter A/A/M of

4th March '42

(F)

Method of Accounting, Maintenance and Inspection of ARMOURED "A" Type Vehicles at SAN PEDRO Vehicle Park.

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(ii) ENGINE S.N. No.

(iii) Nomenclature.

(iv) Class (condition)

(v) Armament.

(vi) Remarks - relating to specific changes, deficiencies, etc., of fitted equipment and vehicle.

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(iii) Kit cards to be maintained on crews tally, and showing crews reference to ledger.

(c) Vehicle Issues

If and when equipment is issued to individual vehicles,

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(ii) BRITISH W.D. No.

(iii) Nomenclature.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

OUTGOING MESSAGE

Originator do not write above this line

FROM (A) I.M.A.S. L.F.S.S. | DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 04 A

TO (FOR ACTION) A.F.H.Q.

TO (INFORMATION) G.H.Q.

Ref. No. 3947

Q(37) - Jnl 5 JACKET

Security Classification UNCLASSIFIED

REF YOUR FX 74311 OF 15 JAN AND MY SD 3943 OF 13 FEB SUBJECT HOLDING SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AGAINST ITALIAN ARMY POST TREATY NEEDS (.) SUPERVISION OF THESE HOLDINGS IS EXERCISED BY 6 BLU DUE FOR DISBANDMENT ON R DAY (.) PLEASE NOTIFY PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE SUPERVISION IN EVENT EQUIPMENT NOT THEN TRANSFERRED TO ITALIAN ARMY (.) RECOMMEND THAT ONE OFFICER 6 BLU BE RETAINED AT B O L O G N A UNTIL TRANSFER COMPLETED

See folio 31

G(TRG)
'Q'
CRD
SD/109/2/LF

R. 4/3/47

Precedence IMPORTANT

Office of origin G(SD)

Originator's Signature

S.G. CAMPBELL, Capt.

Tel. No.

Authenticated

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SECRET

Ministry of National Defence - Army.

Subject:- Release of "A" Vehicles - Italy.

Reference this D. letters of 31 Feb and 4 Jan 47.

1. In addition to the 1481 vehicles referred to in ref letters, the "A" vehicles listed in Appendix "A" attached hereto, are available for issue to you at ROME, making a total of

SEE Para 6 ⟶ 1481
313 ⟵ SEE Para 13
⟶ 16
1810

2. The above vehicles will all be placed in a fenced-in enclosure at ROME, which will contain nothing else and will be ready for handover to you by 15 Mar 47. Two Nissen huts will be placed at your disposal for accommodation of the Italian Guard.

3. It is SCF will arrange handover with A Territorial Command. Please ensure that A Command is in a position to take over and provide necessary guards.

for Major General
Director.

MGS/mf

Copy to:- HQ A SCF. Ref between MGS/SECRET 4 Mar 47.
Please arrange and complete handover with C.C. 10 Veh Pk and report as soon as arrangements are completed.

Enclosure:- 0
GRD
2 Plates

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A.

Serial No.	Type	Class	Qty
1	Carriers Universal Mk I	I	10
2	Carriers Track Towing No 2	II	130
3	Truck 15 cwt : trunk personnel with winch	II	25 ✓
4	Truck 15 cwt : truck personnel with winch	III	15 ✓
5	Car Scout Humber Mk I	II	35 ✓
6	Car Scout Humber Mk II	I	1 ✓
7	Car Scout Ford Mk II	II	5 ✓
8	Car 15 cwt Ford WC (Greyhound)	I	9 ✓
		III	15 ✓
		II	21 ✓
			36 ✓
9	Spare Issue		
		TOTAL	323

See 24

B.

1	Car 15 cwt Ford WC(Greyhound)	I	14
		II	8 ✓
2	Car Scout Ford Mk II	I	6 ✓
		II	1 ✓
		III	1 ✓
		II	3 ✓
3	Car Scout Ford Mk III	II	1
4	Carriers Tracked, Starting and Charging		2
		TOTAL	36

Spoke Major Smith at GHQ and asked for Q release for the 36 and ORD releases for 323 and 36 Q 193

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R/137/IV for case
keeping (AQMG) instructions

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BY REGISTERED POST

Subject : VEHICLE ISSUE TO ITALIAN ARMY

6 British Liaison Unit
Bologna C.M.F.
Tel : 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/LF
3 March '47

To : Allied Force Headquarters
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub - Section

Herewith copy of issue vouchers No's 169, 171, 174, 176, 177, &178 in respect of "A" vehicles issued to the Italian Army, duly signed by an Italian Army representative as requested.

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	✓
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AE)	

WHW/sr

Major DAA & QMG.
6 BLU.

R/6:3:47

A Q137/LF

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B.C.S.

Non enclosed previous request at folio 11.

What exhibit this one?

OK

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COPY 'Q'

17-B

TRANSLATION

From: M. of D. Ref : 3231

To : IMAS Date: 28/2/47

action taken by SD. 12/3/47 - to BCS WP } 2nd.

Subject: Armoured vehicles for the MT Study Office.

Further to the previous verbal communications with Maj Dyatt of your AFH IMAS, this M. we would inform you that it is our desire to examine, for the eventual training of the units which will be employed, one armoured vehicle of each type of the following, which were withdrawn from Forli' Allied Camp for the Armoured vehicles Park of S,Felice:

- Light armoured car Greyhound
- Recce car
- Shermann tank
- Mobile gun 105 m/m M 17
- Mobile gun C.C. 3 inch (7.5).

Should your AFHQ IMAS LFBS accept the request, the above armoured vehicles should be handed over to the MT Study Office - Viale Pinturicchio - Rome, from time to time at a rate of 2 each time.

We await your kind reply on the matter.

sgd. ROSSI
Gen.

C/A

Action: SD/109/LF
SD/109/4/LF
'Q'

See (11) 15A

See 29 - returned (by) C/Branch

A.Q 137/LF.

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To See
A/Q
"Q"
Q Liaison
Q Mai[illegible]
Q (AE)

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SD/109/A/12
25 Feb 47

HEADQUARTERS OF NATIONAL DISTRICT - AUSTRIA -

Subject: Vehicles 15 cwt 4x2 Truck (Armd)

Ref Chin HQ SD/109 dated 17 Feb.

1. It is reported that the following vehicles, subject to the provisions stated in my above quoted letter, have been transferred from BOLOGNA to the ARMOURED CARS DEPOT.

Cars Light Armoured (Greyhounds) 15 — b 4 Ref 21A
Cars Medium Armoured (Staghounds) 6 Not held Kindly

2. (a) There is no entitlement for Greyhounds in the Interim Army.
(b) Holdings of Staghounds are already in excess of entitlements for the Interim Army.

3. Such transfer is therefore clearly contrary to the terms of my above quoted letter.

4. In this instance covering authority for the transfer which has already been effected is hereby given.

5. A representative of this HQ will visit the Armoured Cars Depot to inspect and check the identification numbers of the vehicles in question.

6. In future no transfer of vehicles held at BOLOGNA under the terms of this HQ above quoted letter must take place without prior authority which will be obtained from this HQ by application to 6 BLU.

Ref 21-B

A.P. Scott-Cox
Lt Col
for Major General,
Director

AHQ/sr

Copy to: 6 British Liaison Unit
Internal: G(Trg)

R 1/3/47
Q 1100

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COPY

Subject : Vehicles for Italian Army.

R/137/LF

HQ MMIA NAPLES Detachment
POSILLIPO NAPLES
Tele:- 14272
ORD 11

26 Feb 47

"Q" Branch I.M.A.S. (Formerly MMIA).
L.F.S.S. C.M.F.
A.D.O.S. I.M.A.S. L.F.S.S. C.M.F.

1. As there are still 80 Vehicles outstanding and these are no longer available from British sources in this Area, can the matter please be given your attention.

2, Position at present is shown at appendix 'A'.

CMF
NWC/dt

Signed xxxxxxxx
Capt CLARKE.N.W.
OC Detachment.

NOTE: Original letter and (Appx. A.
as R/202/LF.

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EXTRACT FROM APPX 'A' TO ORD-11 DATED 26FEB 47.

'A' VEHICLES.

Release No	Date	Designation	Released	Collected	Outstanding
8939	—	Staghound T17E1	10	Nil	10

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I M A S (Formerly MAIA) 25 A

GEN CAF.

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Q.103.IF UNCLASSIFIED

FOR ED FOR COLONEL PERSIEX FROM GOC S T O P SUBJECT AFV's

AT BOLZANO S T O P

FIRST S T O P RECOMMEND AMERICAN CONSENT BE SOUGHT FOR

NINETEEN SHERMAN 1-B ALREADY TRANSFERRED EX FORLI TO BE

HELD AND NOT RETURNED AS ORDERED IN GHQ SIGNAL SD-0717

DATED 21 JAN S T O P

BECOND S T O P VEHICLES ARE BEING TRANSFERRED WITHOUT

COMPLETE KITS S T O P ESSENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS ON INITIAL

TRANSFER BE REDUCED TO MINIMUM

FILE Q.137/IF

DH-OPERATIONS

R 22/1/47

R A Cuties Lt Col.

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(6)

GOVT PROOFING SIGNAL

(13)

FROM : GHQ CMF

TO : IMAS LPSS

INFO : APEQ

SECRET

GDO 882

OUR GDO 848 OF 15 (.) FOLLOWING VEHICLES AVAILABLE FOR OFFER TO ITALIANS (.) LOAD IN EVERY CONVOYS (A) TWO (B) CLASS I/CLASS II/CLASS III/CLASS (C) TOTAL (.)

(A) CARRIERS OBSERVATION MK 1 (B) 30/-/-/- (C) CARRIERS TRACK TOWING NUMBER 2 -/13-/-/- 130 TRUCKS 15 CWT HALF TRACK PERSONNEL W/O WINCH -/25/25/25 95 TRUCKS 15 CWT HALF TRACK PERSONNEL WITH WINCH -/15/35/15 65 CAR SCOUT RUBBER MARK 1 -/1/-/- 1 CAR SCOUT FORD MARK II 5/9/-/- 14 CAR LIGHT ARMOURED FWD MK 8 (GREYHOUND) 16/-/21/- 37 CAR MEDIUM ARMOURED MK 1 (STAGHOUND) -/-/56/9 56 CAR MEDIUM ARMOURED MK XXI (STAGHOUND) -/-/1/- 1 STUART RECCE -/-/34/14 48

To See
A/Q
"Q"
[illegible]
[illegible]
Q (AE)

SEE 19

24 February 1947
MRE

A/Q discussion at 4 pm
26 Feb NA
R25/2/47 RAQ

SD DISTRIBUTION:

SD/109/1
SD/109/2
SD/109/4
'Q'
CGS

I.O. 137

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Subject: Maintenance of Vehicles on loan to the ITALIAN Army.

6 British Liaison Unit
BOLOGNA. C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/IF
21st Feb. '47

RECEIVED 26 FEB 1947 543

To: Allied Forces Headquarters,
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub-Section,
(Formerly M.M.I.A)

Receipt is acknowledged of your Q137/IF of 14 Feb. '47.

In conjunction with 6 COMILITER and O.C. Tank Vehicle Park, the matter is being carefully examined in the attempt to provide a simple solution. Some delay will occur however, for the following reasons:-

(i) There is no organisation, BRITISH or ITALIAN, which can adequately deal with the maintenance and inspection of approx. 450 "A" Type vehicles of various types and make.

(ii) Vehicle kits are not being issued on scale to A, B and C lists, but in bulk, AFTER 12 Vehicle Park has met all BRITISH commitments. Storing of equipment etc., will therefore be made by binning in kind, and not by vehicles.

Details requested will be forwarded not later than 28 Feb. '47, but it is considered that owing to the amount of clerical work involved, Appendix "A" to your above quoted letter cannot be completed before 31 Mar. '47.

SEE [illegible]

[signature]
Maj for LtCol A & QMG
6 BLU

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	RAC
Q Liaison	
Q Mat	
Q (AE)	

WIEW/ls

Reply in A Q137

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BY REGISTERED POST

Subject : VEHICLE ISSUE TO ITALIAN ARMY

230 21 FEB 1947

6 British Liaison Unit
Bologna C.M.F.

Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/LF
18 Feb. '47

To : Allied Force Headquarters
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub - Section

Herewith copy of issue vouchers No's 153 to 163 inclusive in respect of carriers issued to the Italian Army, duly signed by an Italian Army representative. as requested.

WHW/sr

MAJOR DAA & QMG.
6 BLU.

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COPY

Tel: 489081
Ext: 400

SD/109/LP

18 Feb 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army

Subject: Transfer of Equipment for Post Peace Treaty ITALIAN Army.

Ref this HQ letter SD/109 of 17 Jan 47.

1. A verbal request has been received from the Inspector of Artillery for the loan of Self Propelled equipment from the holding Depot at BOLOGNA to the School of Artillery.

2. This Sub-section agrees to the following equipment being sent to BRACCIANO:-

One Self Propelled 3 inch Anti Tank (M.10)
One Self Propelled 105 mm Field Gun (M.7)

3. It should be understood that the condition stated in para 2 of the above quoted letter will continue to apply to these two vehicles.

4. You are requested to ensure that personnel having adequate knowledge of driving and maintenance of track vehicles similar to the types in question are either already at BRACCIANO or will be attached there in order that the vehicles may have proper attention.

5. Detail issues of ammunition for these guns will not be available in advance of any general releases of ammunition for the ITALIAN Army on the withdrawal of ALLIED Troops from ITALY.

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AE)	

MWH/ter

M. W. Hop.

Major General,
Director.

Copy to: Inspector of Artillery S.M.E.
6 B.L.U.
SD/109/4.
'Q'

(10)

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub - Section
(Formerly M.M.I.A.)

Tel : 439081
Ext : 259

M.137/IP
18 Feb 47

CONFIDENTIAL.

Subject : I.Vs for Staghounds.

It is noted that no I.Vs have been received from CRO in respect of the following releases:-

(1) VX/0875 dated 30 March 46

2 Staghounds T175.1. Class I ex 12 Veh Park.

(2) AFHQ Signal to ARI, info MTA of 1 April 46

4 Staghounds T17 .1. Class I)
85 " " " " " II) ex ARI PADOVA.

May action please be taken to hasten.

2 File 137 jacket 1 - folios 29, 34-a, 37, 41, refer whilst folio 49-a4, from Italian Ministry of War acknowledges receipt.

Lt. Col.
A.I.A.C.

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It is noted that no I.Vs have been received from CMF in respect of the following releases:-

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2 Staghounds T17E.1. Class I ex 12 Veh Park.

(2) AFHQ Signal to ARI, info CMTA of 1 April 46

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Lt, Col.
A.Q.M.G.

Copy to : (confirm receipt of vouchers to)

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HQ FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section
(Formerly MMIA)

Tel: 489081
Ext: 415

Q.137/LF
18 Feb 47

6 British Liaison Unit

Subject: Maintenance of "A" Vehicles on loan to Italian Army

(81)
2nd I
Q 137

Further to Q.137/LF dated 14 Feb 47.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the letter addressed to the Ministry of National Defence - Army on the subject of responsibility for "A" vehicles at BOLOGNA.

2. Reference para 2. See Appendix 'A' to Q.137 of 23 Jan 47.

These vehicles are being transferred as within the entitlement of the Interim Army and they are outside the terms of the special agreement concerning the Tanks and other 'A' vehicles.

3. Reference para 4

Action is being taken by this HQ based on vouchers received from you.

Rae
Colonel,
Colonel A/Q.

RAC/fw

COPY

(8-A)

Tel: 489081
Ext: 400

LAND FORCES SUB COMMAC(MMIA)

SD/109

17 Jan 47.

WAR MINISTRY

Subject:- Transfer of Equipment for Post Treaty ITALIAN Army

1. On instructions received by this Headquarters from AFHQ it is necessary to make clear to you the conditions under which British equipment intended for your Post Treaty Army is being transferred to your care at BOLOGNA or other similar holding depots which you may establish.

2. All equipments differing from that to which the Interim ITALIAN Army is entitled either in type (tanks, Medium guns etc.) or quantity (ie Carriers, 25 Pounders etc. in excess of outstanding deficiencies) should be considered as being still the property of, and subject to withdrawal by His Majesty's Government until suitable agreements have been made.

3. Deficiencies against entitlement for your INTERIM + Army should be taken as those shown in Column (C) of Appendicies A and B to this HQ letter SD/109/2 of 11 Jan 47. addressed to GHQ a copy of which is held by Colonel MELONI of UFFICIO SERVIZI S.M.E.

4. The quantities of material of different natures held in your depots under the conditions given in para 2 above will be based on the figures held in this Headquarters and with which your Ministry will be asked in due course to agree.

Responsibility for any subsequent losses of equipment will rest with the ITALIAN Government.

5. You are requested to confirm your acceptance of the conditions outlined in preceeding paragraphs.

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MRH/cb

(Sgd) M.W.RIPP Bgs
for Major General.
GOC. MMIA.

Internal:
'Q'
SD/109/2

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section
(Formerly MMIA)

(8)

Tel: 489081
Ext: 415

Q.137/LF

14 Feb 47

SEE 21

6 British Liaison Unit

Subject: Maintenance of "A" Vehicles on loan to Italian Army

1. Under instructions from GHQ the War Ministry have been informed that the transfer of "A" Vehicles to Bologna is subject to the following conditions:

(a) The equipment remains the property of and subject to withdrawal by the British Government.

(b) Responsibility for losses rests with the Italian Government.

2. You are required to complete with 6 Territorial Command detailed arrangements to ensure all vehicles transferred under these conditions are properly maintained and regularly inspected.

3. It is suggested the simplest method is for the War Ministry Representative to prepare a Ledger in which each vehicle is allotted a Serial No (such as E I BR 1-500).

An outline inventry of armament, wireless and other internal fittings of a portable nature should be entered against each Serial No.

A regular programme of physical inspection will be arranged so that each Serial No is examined once per month by MMIA and War Ministry Representatives.

4. The Ledger will be signed by MMIA and War Ministry Rep at end of each month stating that inspection has been made, number of vehicles by types held and deficiencies and condition of vehicles and equipment noted. A confirmatory certificate as at Appendix "A" will be forwarded by you to HQ MMIA on last day of each month.

5. You are to settle details on the lines suggested above and will report not later than 24 February the procedure adopted. An index of the Ledger showing Serial Nos allocated will be forwarded at the same

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6. Commencing 1 March the monthly certificate will be forwarded to this HQ on proforma at Appendix "A".

Colonel,
Colonel A/Q.

RAC/jw

Copy to: Ministry of National Defence - Army

Internal: G(SD)
REME
DR Q

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Appendix 'A' to L.F.S.S. letter
No.157/LF [illegible] 14 Feb 1947.

"A" VEHICLES ON LOAN TO ITALIAN ARMY.

Certified that:

(a) during period ending_____all vehicles (Serial 1 -) have been physically inspected and found correct except as stated below.

(b) on _____the following vehicles by types were held in the Vehicle Park:

Tanks _____

Armoured Cars Light _____

Armoured Cars Medium _____

105 mm M7 _____

3" S.P. M10 _____

(c) Damage and/or deficiencies noted have been entered in the Ledger against the vehicles concerned

(d) Major deficiencies or damage noted were as under:

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E.M.A.A. E.F.

AFEQ

GEQ

SD 3943

UNCLASSIFIED

YOUR EX 74311 OF 15 JAN ZARA GEN (.) CAN YOU NOW

INFORM ME EXPECTED DATE ON WHICH QUOTA SECTARIES

GOVERNMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS UNQUOTE WILL BE MADE

AND WHAT THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE

To S...	
A/Q	WP
"Q"	RAC
Q Liaison	
Q Nat	
Q	

see 20

G(Ops)
POL
GED
SD/109/2

IMPORTANT

G(SD)

A.R.G. SOUTHEY Lt Col

R 13/2/47

I Q1 B7/2 F

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AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub - Section
(Formerly M.M.I.A.)

Tel : 459081
Ext : 259

9.137/12
12 Feb 47

MILITARY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE - Army.

Folio 55 on Q137/2nd pt is the release note.

Subject : Release of Carriers ex PORLI.

With reference to this HQ 137.9 dated 4 Jan.

1. It is noted that on 25 Jan 47 the following vehicles, Classes I and II, were taken over by you:-

Carriers Universal		705
"	M 2 C	32
"	2" Mortar	107
"	T Towing	214
"	Tracked Svc	17
	TOTAL	1004

2. Shipping tickets will follow in the usual way.

RJOB/ps

Rao
for Major General,
Director.

Internal Dist: 'G'
'QMG'

5-A

Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LOG 7 DATED 10-2-47

Col BALANZINO 11.2.47

ACTION
AQNG
137 Q

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/B.....

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REME
See (11)
See (28).
The guns authorised to be moved to School of Artillery for training.
No authority can be given for more than 2 "Carro Shiden" at present
If other to be Bologna
Please inform
RAOC
25 Feb
21/2
historic
document

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Subject : "A" VEHICLE RELEASES - BRITISH ORIGIN

RECEIVED 3 FEB 1947

6 British Liaison Unit
Bologna C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/LF
8 Feb. '47

To : Allied Force Headquarters,
Italian Military Affairs Section,
Land Forces Sub - Section.

Reference this H.Q. letter of even reference, dated 10 Jan. '47.

Vouchers 152 and 165 in respect of "A" Vehicle Releases ex 12 Vehicle Park, herewith.

Your Q137/LF was not to hand at time of recieving these vouchers, but arrangements have been made for all future vouchers to be countersigned by an Italian Army Officer.

To S.	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AL)	

Regd in 11/2/47

D. A. Price
Major DEA & QMG.

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To S...	
A/Q	
"Q"	102
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AF)	Y

Regd in 11/2/47

D. K. Dixie
Major DAA & QMG.
6 ELU.

WEW/sr

A Q157

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BY REGISTERED POST

Subject: "A" Vehicle Releases - BRITISH origin.

6 British Liaison Unit
BOLOGNA. C.M.F.
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3/LF
7th Feb.'47

To: Allied Force Headquarters,
Italian Military Affairs Section,
Land Forces Sub-Section.

Release authority:- GHQ 9153/1/Q1 of 12 Dec.'46
DOS V.R/8986 of 28 Dec.'46.

Copy vouchers in respect of 1081 carriers released to the ITALIAN Army under the above authority, are forwarded for necessary action.

These vehicles have been taken over "in situ" at 12 Veh. Park, FORLI.

It is regretted that your Q137/LF of 3 Feb.'47, was not to hand, and therefore an Italian Army Officer's signature was not obtained. In this respect however, it is pointed out that these are copy vouchers only, and the actual receipt is given to O.C. 12 Veh. Park, who in turn forwards them to higher authority for necessary action.

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Maint	
Q (AF)	
-	
-	

Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

WHW/ls

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COPY

3-A

Subject: Releases - Ammunition.

5 British Liaison Unit,
Tele : 1657
AQ/56/43.

3 Feb 47.

HQ, 12 O.A.C.
Mestre C.M.F.

1. Attached is copy of Land Forces Sub ~~Commission~~ Comm AC (M M I A) letter 139Q of 30 Jan 47 to this HQ concerning the release to the Italian Armyof the British ammunition referred to in GHQ Issue Orders 12/M/101 of the 23 Aug 46, 12/T/134 of the 9 Nov 46 12/0/135 of the 20 Nov 46.

2. Will you please confirm that this ammunitionenumerated in the a/q Issue Orders has, in fact been collected and inform this HQ of any action already taken by you or of your intentions in the ~~future~~ future regarding production of the'priced vouchers' referred to in the attached MMIA letter.

UDINE
BEFS/ ats

Copy to;
HQ Land Forces Sub Commission.
ROME C.M.F.

FILE

DIARY

signed:xxxxxxxxx
Capt.
Ordnance .

6/137

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

Tel: 489081
Ext: 415

A. 137/LF

3 Feb 47

6 BLW

Subject: Release Vouchers

2

Reference your 3/4/3 dated 28 Jan 47.

Vouchers received so far number 141 to 151 less number 142.

Before forwarding further vouchers, it is essential that they are counter-signed by an Italian Army Officer.

See 2

Rac

for Colonel,
AG(LF).

JW

R 4/2/47

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Subject:- Issues of 'A' Vehicles
to Italian Army.

Headquarters,
38 Vehicle Company,
R.A.O.C. C.M.F.

Tel:- Mestre Mil.Ext.82
Vicenza Mil.(1 line)

Ref:- 38HQ/167/80.

28 January'47

A.D.O.S.
Land Forces Sub Commission
M.M.I.A.
C.M.F.

REGD 3 FEB 1947

D.O.S./7209 dated 5 June'46 refers.

1. Forwarded herewith are three copies each of priced schedules for vehicles issued to M.M.I.A. for Italian Army as detailed below, together with copies of receipted vouchers.

D.O.S. RELEASE No.	TYPE AND MAKE	QTY.	CLASS
8984	Sherman V.	87	I
	Car Med Arm'd Staghound I	8	I
		48	III
	Car Med Arm'd Staghound II	1	III
	" " " " T17E2 AA.	1	III
	105 MM S.P. Mtg. M7 MK I	42	III
	Car Med Arm'd Staghound I	1	III
	" " " " II	1	III
	Sherman I B	19	I
	Sherman III	1	I
	Sherman V	6	I
	Sherman III	11	I
	Sherman V	1	I
	Sherman VC	3	I

Colonel,
Commanding, 38 Vehicle Company, R.A.O.C.

Copy to:- Financial Adviser (Brit) GHQ.C.M.F.
(with one copy of Schedule and one copy of receipted voucher)
DOS.CHQ.CMF.(with one copy of Schedule and one copy of receipted voucher)

1 JAN 1947
161

BY REGISTRED POST

Q (1)

Subject : VEHICLE RELEASES - BRITISH ORIGIN

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel : 28032
Ref : Q/4/3
28 Jan. 1947

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

see 3

Reference this HQ letter of even reference , dated 10 Jan. '47.

Voucher 151 in respect of "A" Vehicle Releases, ex 12 Vehicle Park, herewith.

Further vouchers will be forwarded when delivery has been completed.

No Motor ordnance

D. A. Q. Brien
Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

WHM/av.

Declassified F.O. 1005 Section 1-402/1976 NO. 785020

Reference this HQ letter of even reference , dated 10 Jan. '47.

Voucher 151 in respect of "A" Vehicle Releases, ex 12 Vehicle Park, herewith.

Further vouchers will be forwarded when delivery has been completed.

No Station expenditure

O. C. Town

Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

WTW/av.

A/Q	
"Q"	RAS
Q Liaison	
Q Mt	
Q (A	

B
31/1/47
WTW

A Q.137

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Extract From

Maj Edwards

LIAISON LOG _____ DATED 25 JAN 47

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25 Jan. **'A' VEHS FOR ITALIAN ARMY**

Handed to Col BALANZINO letter Q137 of 23 Jan to War Ministry. Q.137

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Q

REGISTERED 30 JAN 1947

BY REGISTRED POST

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Subject : VEHICLE RELEASES - BRITISH ORIGIN -

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel : 28032
Ref : Q/4/3
27 Jan. 1947

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

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q [illegible]	
Q (AE)	

Reference this HQ letter of even reference, dated 10 Jan.'47.

Vouchers 148 - 150 in respect of "A" Vehicle Releases, ex 12 Vehicle Park, herewith.

Further vouchers will be forwarded when delivery has been completed.

Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

WEB/av.

2037

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

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q [illegible]	
Q (AL)	

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Reference this HQ letter of even reference, dated 10 Jan.'47.

Vouchers 148 - 150 in respect of "A" Vehicle Releases, ex 12 Vehicle Park, herewith.

Further vouchers will be forwarded when delivery has been completed.

D. A. Bain.

Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

WHB/av.

2037

Regd in 30/1/46

A Q137

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RECEIVED 27 JAN 47

Q/157

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BY REGISTERED POST

Subject : VEHICLE RELEASES - BRITISH ORIGIN -

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel : 28032
Ref : Q/4/3
24th Jan. 1947

To: Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

Reference this HQ letter of even reference, dated 10 Jan. '47 .

Vouchers 146 - 147 in respect of "A" Vehicle Releases, ex 12 Vehicle Park, herewith.

Further vouchers will be forwarded when delivery has been completed.

2036

Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

WHW/av.

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q Mov	
Q Ops	

Q.137 IV

212[illegible]9

SDS. BOLOGNA

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GHQ OUTGOING MESSAGE

SD/2146/4

IMMEDIATE

For Signals use only

FROM : GHQ CMF 21 1100 Z

TO FOR ACTION : 12 VEH PARK FORLI

TO FOR INF : [illegible] : [illegible] VEH PARK BOLOGNA ✓ ⇐

SD0717 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) REF OUR SD0599 DTED 31 DEC AND YOUR 12VP/T/8 OF 3 JAN (.)

PLEASE ARRANGE TO MOVE SHERMAN 1B QTY 19 CLASS 1 FROM BOLOGNA TO FORLI BY ROAD

Internal Distribution

'Q' (4 copies)
Ord
REME

See (82)

[illegible]

J.K. [illegible] (Major)

G(SD) Branch

Tele No 22593

SEE 14

This refers to 19 Sherman "1B" tracked in error for road and [illegible]

W2D: 55

SIG

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Liaison	
Q [illegible]	
Q (A)	
G(SD)	

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SD0717 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) REF OUR SD0599 D.T.G 31 DEC AND YOUR 12VE/T/8 OF 3 JAN (.)

PLEASE ARRANGE TO MOVE SHER IN 1B TY 19 CLASS 1 FROM BOLOGNA TO FORLI BY T-TR

Internal Distribution

'Q' (4 copies)
Grd
REME

See 82

L. EDITE
J.K. [illegible]ELL (Major)
G(SD) Branch
Tele No 22593

SEE 14

To See	
A/Q	
"Q"	
Q Listen	
Q [illegible]	
Q (Ar[illegible])	
G(SD)	

This refers to "1B"
19 Sherman
released in error
by Forli and
moved to Bologna!

Read

WPD 5

A Q. 137

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Sel. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

(82)

FROM (A) Originator: HQ 12TH A

Date-Time of Origin: 231005 A

Office Date Stamp

For Action: 6 ENJ
12 VEH FK

Jan '47

TO

(W) For information (INFO)

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Message Instructions | GR

Originator's No. 093

UNCLASSIFIED

CTO SIGNAL 3DO 599 DATED 31 DEC TO SECOND ADDRESSEE ORDERED THAT SHERMANS 1B WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE TRANSFERRED (.) 12VP/1V/144 DATED 13 JAN 47 TRANSFERRED THESE VEHICLES (.) ARRANGE RETURN AND CLEARANCE OF SAME (.) REPORT COMPLETION

Q.137

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Signed [signature]	MAJ. PRINSLOO, H.O.J. Signed	ROUTINE	TIH or TOR: 2034		
			Time cleared		

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Telephone:
Rome 489081 Ext 259

LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (AMIA) CMF.

137 Q.

23 Jan 47.

War Ministry (by LO).

Subject: Transfer of "A" Vehicles to Italian Army.

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for Major-General.
GOC, AMIA.

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"A" Vehicle state of Interim Italian Army as at 31 Dec.46.

Appendix
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(a) Serial	(b) Holdings as at 31 Dec 47	(c) WE of Interim Army	(d) Deficient as at 31 Dec.	(e) Releases approved	(f) Still Deficient	REMARKS
1 Armd Cars	239	256	17	17(a)	-	(a) These vehicles will be iss by this H.Q. after release Park are completed and, sh your charge.
2 Scout Cars	46	242	196	10(a)	186	(b) These vehicles were releas 4 Jan.47 and should be tak
3 Carriers less Lloyds	516	2363	1847	1081(b)	764	(c) These "A" Vehicles have no in any bids against W.E o or post war Army. The 2 taken on your charge.
4 Carriers S & C	-	-		2(c)	3(c)	Noted that 17 in release of Bre

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Appendix 'A' to HQ FTA letter
137 9 dated 29 Jan 47

of Interim Italian Army as at 31 Dec.46.

(d) Deficient as at 31 Dec.	(e) Releases approved	(f) Still Deficient	REMARKS
17	17(a)	-	(a) These vehicles will be issued to you separately by this H.Q. after releases to SAN FELICE Veh Park are completed and, should then be taken on your charge.
196	10(a)	186	(b) These vehicles were released under Ref 157.4 of 4 Jan.47 and should be taken on your charge.
1847	1081(b)	764	(c) These "A" Vehicles have not yet been included in any bids against W.E either for the present or post war Army. The 2 released should be taken on your charge.
	2(c)	3(c)	Noted that 17 were included in release of Serial 3 above.

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21 Jan 47

WAR MINISTRY (by LO).

Subject: Releases - British "A" Vehicle.

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

Authority: SDO/519 dated 13 Dec 46
OS/155 " 17 Jan 47

Serial No.	Item	Qty	Destination
1	Carriers, track Starter & charger	2	BOLOGNA

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2. These vehicles are destined to be used for the tanks at SAN FELICE Vehicle Park.

Dec 28
new control M/F

Major-General,
GOC.

HCJP/ra

Copy to: 6 B A H. (2) for action indicated in this HQ

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for Major-General,
GOC.

HOJP/ra

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Q 101 of 25 July 46.

Internal: G (OPS & SD)
G (TRG)
"Q" Accounts (Confirm receipt of Vouchers to "Q")
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Col. MELONI 20.1.47

Informed Col. MELONI of the release of 2 carriers S & C from 12 Veh Park VORLI. Informed MELONI that 6 STU and N. of W. rep at the Park had been informed also. Standard Release Note to this effect would follow.

AQMG
Q (AE)
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6 B.L.U.

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UNDER GRQ SIGNAL G3/155 OF 17 JAN CARRIERS S & C Qty 2 AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM 12 VEH PARK STOP WARN M OF W REP

Q.157

E.F. EXETT. Major

See 36/

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BY REGISTERED POST

Subject: VEHICLE RELEASES - BRITISH ORIGIN.

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RECEIVED 20 JAN 1947

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3
17th Jan.'47

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

Reference this HQ letter of even reference, dated 10 Jan. '47.

Vouchers in respect of "A" Vehicle Releases, ex 12 Vehicle Park , herewith. — To 137 L.V. file

Further vouchers will be forwarded when delivery has been completed.

To Sec
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Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

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FROM V MENG NR 1/62142 DTR 1

FROM GHQ CMF 1/1022

TO LAND FORCES SUB COMD AC (2HLS)

INFO HQ 36 VEH COY

AC VEH PARK

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OS/122. UNCLASS . REF YOUR 137 0 DATED 15 JAN.

CARRIERS S & C QTY 2 AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM 12 VEH PARK

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Rebased 21 Jan A. 137 Q

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M.of W.

TO : M.M.I.A.

REF: A6/300/Serv

DATE: 16/1/47.

SUBJECT: Class 'A' vehicles

Ref. your letter 137/Q dated 23/11/46.

We forward numerical return of class 'A' vehicles in distribution to units under our command.

sgd. Meloni
Col.

RAG

To S.P.	
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= AUTOMEZZI TIPO "A" =

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	Ricognizione		Combattimento		Osservazione		Universal		Mort		
	Esistenza	Organico	Esistenza	Organico	Esistenza	Organico	Esistenza	Organico	Esistenza	Organico	
Div. Ftr. "Friuli"	=	43	11	16	2	=	91	57	41		
" " "Cremona"	12	43	4	16	9	=	40	57	=		
" " "Legnano"	17	43	11	16	=	=	34	57	36		
" " "Folgore"	=	43	11	16	8	=	65	57	14		
" " "Mantova"	22	43	=	16	16	=	95	57	39		
3 Brigate di Ftr.	=	5	=	1	=	=	=	10	=		
10 Rgt. Indipendenti	=	=	=	=	=	=	21	4	=		
Centri Add/to (Scuole)	=	12	12	21	=	3	19	31	20		
Servizi	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	8	=		
Carabinieri	=	=	152	152	=	=	=	=	=		
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AUTOMEZZI TIPO "A"

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16	8	=	=	65	57	14	49	=	112	25	=	123	277
16	16	=	=	95	57	39	49	=	112	56	=	228	277
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Subject : Transport - BRITISH origin

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel : 28032
Ref : Q/4/3
13 Jan. 1947

To : LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.
M.M.I.A.

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Reference A.F.V.'s released to ITALIAN Army.

At this present time no knowledge of release of appropriate equipment and vehicles, for road movement of tanks etc. is to hand.

As it is considered that these will be essential after departure of ALLIES from ITALY, may Ministry of War please be consulted, and recommendations made to GHQ (BRITISH) for this release.

D. O'Brien.
Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

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To See	
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Telephone:
Rome 489081 Ext 259

LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (MMIA) CMF.

137 Q.

13 Jan 46.

G.H.Q. (for SD)

Subject: "A" Vehicle - Releases.

Ref your Signal SD0519 dated 13 Dec 46.

1. May this H.Q. please be informed as to when the 5 Carriers S & C are likely to be released to the Italian Army.

2. Your attention is invited to the present movement of vehicles ex 12 Vehicle Park and it is submitted that the vehicles, if available, could conveniently be released now.

Colonel,
Colonel A/Q.

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RECEIVED 10 JAN 1947

Q (65)

Subject: Transport Releases - BRITISH ORIGIN.

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3
10th Jan. '47

To: VI CORPS/TER

1. 1081 Carriers have been released to the ITALIAN Army, ex 12 Vehicle Park, (BRITISH), FORLI. Copy release note attached.

2. It is agreed that these vehicles be taken over "in situ", and disposed of through ITALIAN Army channels, as directed by your Ministry of War.

3. At this present time, a detached compound is being prepared for their initial reception, at FORLI. It is estimated that this will be completed approx. 21 Jan. '47.

4. You are therefore requested to make all necessary arrangements forthwith, as regards administration and security of these vehicles, and to ensure that your preparations are completed by the above date, in order that a rapid hand-over may be effected.

D. A. Hopkin.

Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

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FROM : TROOPERS

TO FOR ACTION : G(3D) GHF

INFO : BAS WASHINGTON

RSF NO : 75506 GS(W)1. 31 DEC 46 (311715)

SUBJECT TRANSFER L/L EGPT FOR 6 SA ARMD DIV.

WE SPOKE MAXWELL-SATTYE AND YOU WILL HAVE HAD M1540 OF 31 DEC FROM SOUTH AFRICA LONDON TO PRETORIA COPY TO YOU.

OBS. OCS CHQ PRETORIA OS 21/1 OF 17 APRIL 46 COPIES TO YOU LISTED L/L EGPT WHICH SOUTH AFRICA WANTED TO TRANSFER.

TWO. AMERICANS ARE GLOBALLY SHORT AND DESIRE RECAPTURE IN CLASS ONE CONDITION FOLLOWING EGPT LISTED IN ABOVE LETTER (A) 1X SHERMAN 1B (10308) QUANTITY 15 (B) 2X SHERMAN 11A(76MM) QUANTITY 67 (C) 1X ARV T/5 QUANTITY 1 (D) 6X6 WRECKER B/D WARD LA FRANCE QUANTITY 6. } Items collected 17/1

THREE. AMERICANS HAVE NO OBJECTION TO TRANSFER PROVIDED WE CAN MAKE AVAILABLE EQUIVALENT TYPES AND QUANTITIES. OCS WASHINGTON ARE ISSUING DIRECTIVE LIMITING ISSUES FOR ITALIAN ARMY TO EGPT WHICH IS GLOBALLY SURPLUS. IN VIEW WAR OFFICE STOCK POSITION AND SHIPPING DIFFICULTIES IN PROVIDING ITEMS EGPT FROM OTHER SOURCES ITEMS IN PARA TWO SHOULD BE EARMARKED BY YOU HANDOVER TO AMERICANS IF AVAILABLE FROM ANY SOURCE IN CMF.

FOUR. YOUR SD 0509 OF 12 DEC PARA SECOND REFNO. PLEASE STATE IF 2021 QUANTITY OF 67 SHERMAN 11A AND (B) ITEMS IN PARA TWO (C) AND (D) ARE LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE IN NEAR FUTURE.

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SAC NOTE : L1540 IS SAO NO 151 ACTING G(SD)

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VEHICLE HOLDINGS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1946

TYPE	Held	Released ex Forli	TOTAL	Additional "Class 3" for maintenance released ex Forli
TANKS				
Sherman Mk I, II or III or V (75 mm)		125	125	
" Mk IC or VC (17 Pdr)		28	28	
ARMOURED CARS				
Medium Staghound Mk I or II		74	74	55
" " ~~T17E1~~ T17E1	239	-	239	
" " ~~T17E2~~ T17E2 AA		3	3	1
Light Greyhounds		28	28	
SCOUT CARS				
Ford Mk II or III		10	10	2
Daimler 7	46	-	46	
GUNS S.P.				
105 mm AT M7 Mk I		35	35	43
3" M10		25	25	
CARRIERS				
Armoured O.P.	2	-	2	
Universal 170	364	705 ✓	1145	
3" Mortar	150	107 ✓	150	
M.M.G.	-	38 ✓	-	-
		214 ✓		
T Tawy		17 ✓		
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VEHICLE HOLDINGS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1946

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	28	28 ✓			
	74	74	55	129	
239	–	239		239 } 372 ✓	256
	3	3	1	4	
	28	28		28 ✓	
	10	10	2	12 } 58 ✓	242
46	–	46		46	
	35	35	43	78 } 103	
	25	25		25	
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3644	705 ✓	1445		1445 } 1597 ✓	2363
150	107 ✓	150		150	
–	38 ✓	–	–	–	
	214 ✓				
	17 ✓				

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MEMORANDUM

a) - Armoured vehicles to be withdrawn from the 12 Park of Forli

- Greyhound light armoured cars	28
- Staghound medium " "	133
- Ford recce cars	12
- Sherman medium tanks	198
- 105 m/m mobile guns	78
- 3" A/Tk (mobile)	25

b) - Armoured vehicles already withdrawn as at 3/1/47

- Greyhound light armoured cars	6
- Staghound medium " "	52
- Sherman tanks	83

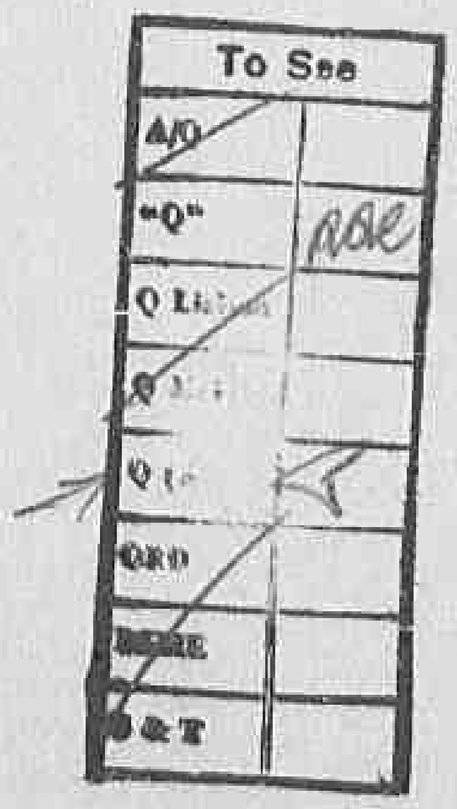
c) - Agreements have been made for the release by 12 Park of:

1081 carriers i.e. approx { 700 Universal carriers; 150 MMG carriers; 250 Mortar carriers }

21 battery charging carriers for tanks
20 3" A/Tk (mobile)
150 half track carriers for drawing 6 pdr and 17 pdr guns. -

For the final release of the vehicles mentioned in para c), MMIA had to issue the executive orders for the release.

The 1081 carriers will be parked in the same place used by 12 Allied Park and guarded by Italian guard personnel already available; the other armoured vehicles will be sent to S.Felice Park. -



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Col. MELONI 8.1.47

Handed in two release notes 137 Q both dated 4 Jan 47 the one dealing with release of Armd Cars, Staghounds, Scout Cars, Shermans and SPs and the other with release of 1081 Carriers all coming from 12 Veh Park FORLI. AQMG 137 Q

Col. MELONI 8.1.47

Discussed the question of a release of 150 half track vehs as requested in M. of W. letter 1/4372/Serv dated 28 Dec 46. ACTION AQMG

The M.of W. are very anxious to get a release of 150 Carrier, Personnel, Half Track M3 which are available in 12 Veh Park FORLI. These vehs would be used to tow 17pdrs and are considered to be of much more use than the present tractors which in any case are not complete to WE. Informed Col. MELONI that before this could be taken into consideration, application would have to be made to 'G' Br MMIA to have these incorporated into the WE. Q(AE) 137 Q

Col. MELONI will do this but request that special attention be given this subject. 2018

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Gen. SUFFINO 2.1.47

Discussed the question of handover of carriers from FORLI to It.Army.

It appears, according to Gen.SUFFINO, that the It. Govt. have agreed to the taking over in situ of the carriers but on paper this transfer will have to figure as having come from ARAR and that the question of the cost is now under discussion. Gen.SUFFINO is under the impression that all transfers to the It.Army will be dealt with in the same manner.

AQMG
137 Q

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: A6/167 serv.
Date: 9/1/47

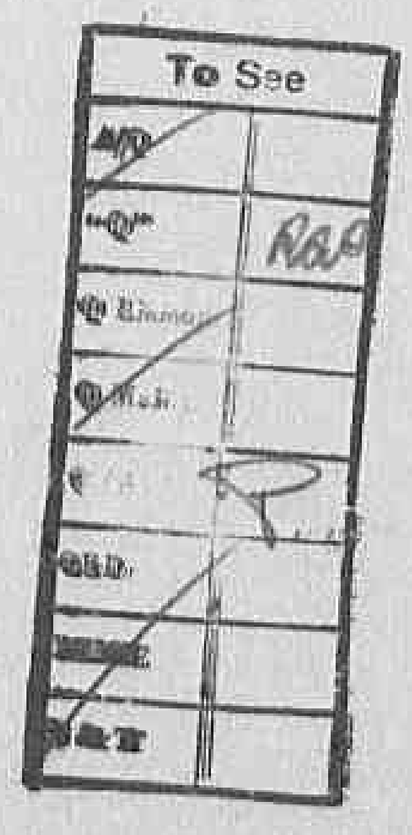
Subject: Type "A" Vehicle Return. -

Further to to-day's telephone request we forward a numerical return of the type "A" vehicles on charge to units of the Army and of Carabinieri. -

sgd. Meloni
Col.

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9/12/47 2016



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M.of W.

SME

Services Office

Rome, 9/1/46

TYPE "A" VEHICLE RETURN

	Scout cars	Observation Cars	Armoured Cars	Carriers			
				Universal	3"Mortar	MMG	Lloyd
ARMY	51	35	49	364	150	-	305
CARABINIERI	-	-	152	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	51	35	201	364	150	-	305
	46	2 non	234	✓	✓		

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Def — in difference. Scout Cars 5
Observation Cars 33
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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W. REF: I/1372/Serv

TO : M.M.I.A. DATE: 28/12/46

SUBJECT : Armoured and arty field vehicles.

Further to verbal agreements with Maj. BYATT.

I) We would confirm that this SM would appreciate the direct assignment of:

a) 1.090 carriers, as under:

700	universal carriers	
150	M.M.G.	"
240	Mortar	"
Total 1090		

b) Another twenty 3" mobile guns.

c) 150 half track vehicles for drawing 17 pdrs.

To See	
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2) All this material is available at the British Camp at Forli and preliminary agreements have already been made by one of our representatives with the C.O. of the Camp.

3) The President of the Council has been approached to obtain the authorisation to have the material direct from the British Military Authorities.

UR.

Sgd. MELONI
Col.

Telephone:
Bom 4492081

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. MC (MEDITA) [illegible]

137 Q

4 Jan 47.

Ministry of War.

Subject :- Releases - British "A" Vehicles.

1. The following vehicles complete with kits are available for collection from 12 Vehicle Park (FORLI).

Authy :- SD/2164/14 dated 11 Dec 46. (38)
DOS. WP/8984 dated 13 Dec 46. (38 & ORD/8)

Serial No.	Item.	Qty.	Destination.
1	Car MD ARMD GREYHOUND CLASS 1	20	(a)
2	" " " " " CLASS 11	8	(a)
3	CAR MED ARMD STAGHOUND MK 1 CLASS 1	33	(a)
4	CAR MED ARMD STAGHOUND MK 1 CLASS 11	30	(a)
5	CAR MED ARMD STAGHOUND MK 1 CLASS 111	50	(a)
6	CAR MED ARMD STAGHOUND MK 11 CLASS 1	10	(a)
7	" " " STAGHOUND MK 11 CLASS 11	1	(a)
8	" " " STAGHOUND MK 11 CLASS 111	5	(a)
9	CAR MED ARMD STAGHOUND T17E2 A.A. CLASS 1	2	(a)
10	" " " " " T17E2 A.A. CLASS 11	1	(a)
11	" " " " " T17E2 A.A. CLASS 111	1	(a)
12	CARS SCOUT FORD MK 11 CLASS 1	8	(a)
13	" " " " MK 11 CLASS 111	1	(a)

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Authy :- SD/2164/14 dated 11 Dec 46. (38)
DCS. VR/8984 dated 13 Dec 46. 38 d/ORD/8

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1	Car MED ARMD GREYHOUND CLASS 1	20	(a)
2	" " " " " CLASS 11	8	(a)
3	CAR MED ARMD STAGHOUND MK 1 CLASS 1	35	(a)
4	CAR MED ARMD STAGHOUND MK 1 CLASS 11	30	(a)
5	CAR MED ARMD STAGHOUND MK 1 CLASS 111	50	(a)
6	CAR MED ARMD STAGHOUND MK 11 CLASS 1	10	(a)
7	" " " STAGHOUND MK 11 CLASS 11	1	(a)
8	" " " STAGHOUND MK 11 CLASS 111	5	(a)
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11	" " " " " T17E2 A.A. CLASS 111	1	(a)
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13	" " " MK 11 CLASS 111	1	(a)
14	" " " MK 11 CLASS 111	1	(a)
15	CARS SCOUT FORD MK 111 CLASS 11	2	(a)
16	SHERMAN 1 CLASS 1	5	(a)
17	SHERMAN 1C CLASS 1	19	(a)
18	SHERMAN 10 CLASS 1	3	(a)
19	SHERMAN 11 CLASS 1	4	(a)
20	SHERMAN 111 CLASS 1	25	(a)
21	SHERMAN 111 CLASS 1	12	(a)
22	SHERMAN 111 CLASS 11	5	(a)
23	SHERMAN 111 CLASS I	1	(a)
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Serial No.	Item.		Qty	Destination.
24	SHERMAN 5 CLASS 1		96	(a)
25	SHERMAN 5 CLASS 11		3	(a)
26	SHERMAN 5C CLASS 1			(a)
27	105 mm S.P. A/T M7 Mk. 1	CLASS 1.	11	(a)
28	" " " " " " 1	CLASS 2	34	(a)
29	" " " " " " 1	CLASS 3	43	(a)
30	3" S.P. MTG. M10 CLASS 1		1	(a)
31	" " " " CLASS 11		24	(a)

Note (a) - BOLOGNA

2. Collection will be effected by the Ministry of T...

H.Q.R.P. Lieutenant Major General,
HQJP/cam GCC BTA.

Copies to :- 6 BLU (2) (For action: ref this HQ Q.101 of 2[illegible] July 46.)

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DOS V.3./8986 of 28 Dec.

Serial No.	Item	Qty	Destination
1	Carriers	1081	(a)

Note (a) - To be taken over in Situ.

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R. Arbuthnot
Major General
GOC MMIA.

HOJP/cam

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ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
G.H.Q. O.M.F.

Ref : DOS/1/90/5
Tel : PADUA 22647
Date : 2 Jan 47

Subject : 'A' Vehicle Release.

To : MEA.

V.R. note 0984 of 13 Dec 46.

Please amend Car scout Ford MKII Duty I Class II to read Duty I Class III.

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(V.H. OSBORNE) Capt.
for Brigadier.
D.O.S.

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Col. MELONI 23/12/46

Requested confirmation in writing that M of W were accepting 1081 Carriers in FORLI and that Govt had agreed to direct handover. Pointed out GHQ were arranging for that number to be separated from the lot at FORLI.

AORG
Q 137

Col. MELONI stated he could confirm that Army required this number but not in writing yet that Govt had agreed to direct handover as this had not been done so to M of W in writing although it had been agreed to verbally. As soon as rec'd this will be forwarded

(See M of W letter 1/4372/Serv dated 28 Dec.)

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Col. MELONI 20/1[illegible]/46

Informed Col. MELONI on AFHQ decision re 1081 Carriers in that no authority could be given for direct handover to Army but that this was to be arranged with Depts of It. Govt. concerned. MELONI immediately contacted Head of Cabinet(SUFINO) who in turn passed it direct to Presidency of Council of Ministers. It appears this will be agreed to. Will be kept informed.

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LEGAV MESG NR 31211 4

FROM GHQ CHF 311215A

TO MMIA

TWFP 6 BLU

GSR BT

QG325. UNCLASSIFIED. YOUR Q 60 OF 23 DEC. CARRIERS RELEASED UNDER AVR/8986 OF 25 DEC 46. PROCEED TAKE / OVER IN SITU.

BT

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FROM GHQ CMF 311512A

TO 12 MEN [illegible] DE FORI. I

INFO AFHQ - MMIA

QSH ST

SD0599. UNCAC. FURTHER TO OUR SD/2146/4 DATED 11 [illegible] DEC. FIRST. FOLLOWING EQUIPT NOW NOT AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER TO ITALIAN POST PEACE TREATY ARMY. SHERMAN 1B SHERMAN 2A SHERMAN [illegible] TRV. SECOND. THESE VEHICLES WILL NOT BE MOVED TO BOLOGNA. DETAILS OF ANY ALREADY MOVED TO BE SIGNALLED THIS GHQ SOONEST. THIRD. CONFIRM NUMBERS HELD SHERMAN 1B 22 CLASS 1 MIL CLASS II SHERMAN 2 A 25 CLASS I 8 CLASS II SHERMAN TRV 8 CLASS I MIL CLASS II

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SENT CRN 2

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Subject: Transport Releases - BRITISH

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 28032
Ref: Q/4/3
30th Dec. '46

To: Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) - for Major PRINSLOO

G.H.Q. Ordnance Directorate Release No. DOS/8984 of 13 Dec. '46, herewith as requested.

Telephone conversation PRINSLOO/WRITER of today, refers.

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For Action

TO: GHQ

(W) For Information (INFO)

6 BLU

Message Instructions | CR

Originator's No. Q 60

YOUR QG 249 18 DEC (.) ORDNANCE RELEASE FOR 1001 CARRIERS

EX 12 VEH PARK NOT YET RECEIVED (.) REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS

PROCEED TAKE OVER IN SITU

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) MMIA — Originator — Date-Time of Origin. — OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — CR

Originator's No Q 61

SUBJECT PROGRESS REPORTS TRANSFER TANKS FROM FORLI (:)
REQUIRE CONFIRMATION TYPE AND CALIBRE OF WEAPONS
TAKEN OVER

R 29/12/44. 2065

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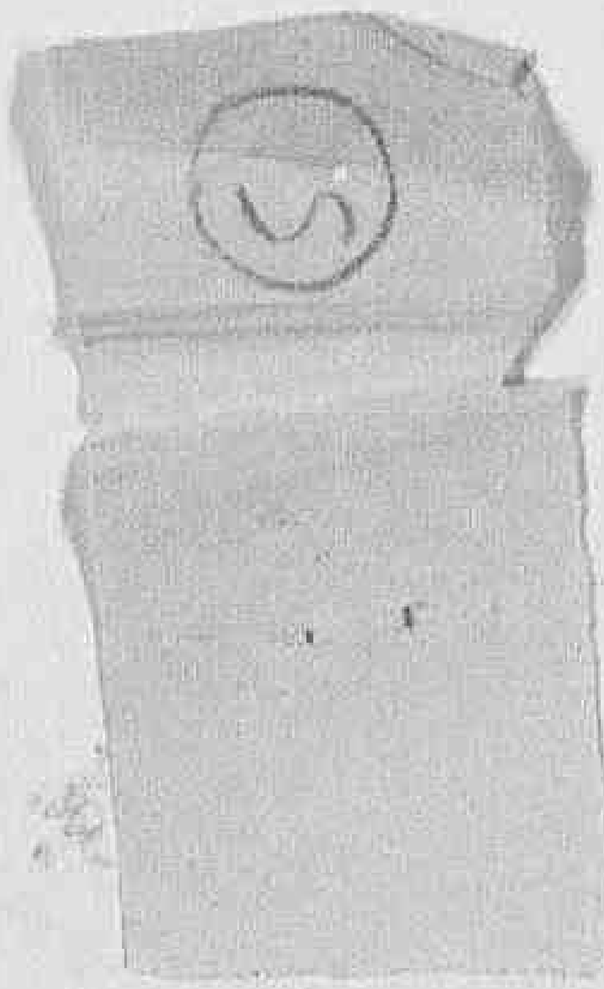
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Col. MELONI. 15/12/46.

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Informed Col. Meloni that by arrangement Gen. [illegible] this HQ and CCRI, 1021 Carriers were to be made available to the Italian Army provided that: (a) these were acceptable and that (b) AFHQ would authorise these to be handed over direct to the Army without passing through ARAR hands. AFHQ had already been asked for such an authority.
Matter was discussed with Gen LIUZZI who stated that the Carriers were most definitely acceptable to the Army but hoped that these did not pass through ARAR hands first as the Army would probably never see them. Gen LIUZZI was very surprised that "A" vehs of this kind were in any case passed over to ARAR as this would mean falling into civilian hands with possible serious consequences.
Col. Meloni was asked to make all necessary arrangements to take these vehs over in FORLI (12 Veh Park) before 20 Dec. This will be laid on.

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12 Dec 46

G (FD)
FORCE

Subject: "A" Vehicles ex 12 Veh Park

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Reference our Q.137 dated 9 Dec 46.

Attached hereto is copy of 6 B.L.U. letter Q/4/3 of 9 Dec 46 amending Appendix to 6 B.L.U. Q/4/3 of 6 Dec which was attached to our above quoted letter.

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Please make the necessary amendment.

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Lt-Colonel
AQMG MMIA

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Subject: VEHICLE RELEASES - BRITISH

6 British Ideleon Unit
Vel: 217 Area 119
Ref: Q4/3
2 Dec. '46

To: VI CORPS/PWB

Reference appendix to this H.Q. letter Q4/3 of 6 Dec. '46.

Please amend as follows:-

DELETE

Sherman IIA - 76 m.m.(Diesel) and details.

ADD

Sherman IIA - 76 m.m. Class I - 25 - Total 25.

" III - 75 m.m. Class I - 12. Class II - 5 - Total 17.

Med. Playground MK I - Class III - 50 - Total 50

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12 Vehicle Insp. R.A.O.C.)1
R.E.M.E. Insp. att. 6 B.I.D.)1

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LIAISON LOG 30 Nov. 1946

Col. MELONI

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Handed in letter Q.215 of 29 Nov and signal Q.40 of 29 Nov dealing with transfer "A" Vehicles from 12 Veh Park FORLI. Matter discussed fully and MELONI answered everything would be laid on at BOLOGNA for 9 Dec. The new OC for BOLOGNA Park would be sent for urgently from LECCE. Whole question later confirmed with Gen LIUZZI who will ask for priority from the Engineers on repairs to BOLOGNA Park.

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Extracts from 'Q' Liaison Log.

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Col MELONI

Confirmed with MELONI that site for "A" vehicles from FORLI was BOLOGNA and not IESI. This was confirmed. MELONI said that the vehicles would have to be out in the open and consequently hoped that tarpaulins would be issued along with each vehicle. A small nucleus from 1051 Tk Coy was being provided at the Park. MELONI was informed of meeting at BOLOGNA with AQMG and MEN on 4 and 5 Dec and arranged for Major FIORE (SME Services Tr) and possibly new CO of Park.

Brought back instructions issued to 10 Terr Command on this subject.

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9 Dec 46

Q (SD)

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Subject: "A" Vehicles ex 12 Veh Park

Ref attached copy of letter Q/4/3 dated 6 Dec from 6 BUD to 6 Territorial Command.

1. It will be seen that the War Ministry have authorised their rep to take over Class 2 and 3 vehicles in addition to the Class 1 vehicles already authorised by G.H.Q.

2. Captain Osborne, rep Ord Directorate G.H.Q., stated vehicles not removed would be de-militarised as British requirements from 12 Veh Park had been met and the balance, after de-militarisation, would be handed over to C.D.O. for Ministry of Supply.

3. You are requested to obtain Q release through G (SD) at G.H.Q. of the following vehicles held surplus at 12 Veh Park:

Carriers track Starter and Charger - 5.

These are urgently required to operate with the Shermans and other A.F.V.'s now being moved to Bologna.

RAC/ra

RAC
Lt Colonel,
for Colonel A/Q, MEIA.

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Copy to: 6 B.L.U.
R.E.M.E.

Subject: VEHICLE REPLACES - BRITISH

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 217 Area 119
Ref: G/4/3
6th Dec.'46.

To: VI CORPS/ITER

1. In confirmation of conversation held by your Representative, Major TIGER of ITALIAN M. of W., and DAA & QMG this Headquarters, it is agreed that the vehicles requested by you and shown as an Appendix to this letter, shall be made available to the ITALIAN Army, subject to the proviso stated in para 8 below.

2. Further, it is confirmed that tanks shall be delivered by tank transporters to SAN FELICE Vehicle Park, commencing 9 Dec.'46. The number to be delivered daily is not at present known, (owing to unavailability of full complement of transporters), but will "step-up" to approx. 20 daily, by week commencing 16 Dec.'46.

3. All tanks delivered will be provided with a tarpaulin, which will give temporary shelter, and it is expected that the majority of armoured cars will also be issued with tarpaulins.

4. Tanks will be issued with full petrol tanks, containing 100 Octane spirit. This is the normal BRITISH practice for vehicles of this type, which are to be stored for an unknown length of time, as 80 Octane spirit tends to "gum-up" with considerable mechanical ill-effect, under these conditions.

5. 100 Octane spirit is NOT suitable for normal running of these vehicles however, and you are therefore strongly advised that this petrol should remain in the tanks, during their storage period at SAN FELICE, but used only for the purpose of "starting-up" and idle running for short periods. Similarly, 100 Octane spirit is unsuitable for any type of normal vehicle, and its use in this respect would produce serious mechanical consequences.

6. As it is understood that the majority of Class I and II armoured cars ex PISA will be roadworthy, and as agreed by Lt. Col. CAMPBELL, you are requested to provide 10 drivers for the purpose of driving them to BOLOGNA. This Headquarters will give at least 12 hours notice of when they will be required.

7. Sufficient petrol will be provided by 12 Vehicle Park, for their journey to BOLOGNA.

8. Regarding the 103 Class III Staghound Armoured Cars, it is agreed that representatives from Ministry of War and VI CORPS/ITER shall this day inspect them, and earmark up to that total, for the ITALIAN Army.

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10. A team of 17 BRITISH personnel will be available at BOLOGNA, to drive tanks to their parking place, and generally assist and advise as necessary.

D. A. Drew.
Major RAC
6 ELD

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1 12 Vehicle Park, R.A.C.C.
1 R.M.M.E. Incr. att. 6 B.L.U.

Q Dist G (SD) ROME

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Appendix to 6 B.A.A. letter 2/4/3 of 6 December 1946

	Class I	Class II	Class III	Total
Armoured Cars				
Light Greyhounds				
Rod. Staghound Mk I	20	8	-	28
" " Mk II	33	30	15	78
" " 1247 Ba	10	1	5	16
" "	2	1	1	4
Scout Cars				
Ford Mk II	8	1	1	10
" " III	-	2	-	2
Medium Tanks				
Sherman I - 75 mm	5	-	-	5
" IB-105 mm	19	-	-	19
" IC-17 pdr	3	-	-	3
" II - 75 mm	4	-	-	4
~~" IIA- 76 mm (Diesel)~~	~~12~~	~~5~~	~~-~~	~~17~~
" II Dozer	1	-	-	1
" V - 75 mm	96	3	-	99
" VC- 17 pdr	25	-	-	25
" IIIA 76 mm	25	-	-	25
75 mm	12	5	-	17
S.P. Guns				
105 mm M7 Continental	11	24	43	78
S.P. A/Tank Guns				
3 inch M10 (Diesel)	1	24	-	25

* Actual number to be selected.

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IMPORTANT IMPORTANT

LROF V MEXS Ø32132 P P P QVR2

FROM GHQ CMF Ø31100

FOR ACTION 1 ARMD DIV

FOR INFM MMIA : 12 VEH PK FORLI & MMIA VEH PK BOLOGNA

SDO 458 (.) UNCLS (.) REF OUR SDO442 [redacted] DATED 2 DEC NOT TO ALL (.)

FIRST (.) 15 TANK DRIVERS L1 FULL [redacted] RANK NCO AND 1 FITTER WILL

REPORT TO MMIA VEH

PARK BOLOGNA PM 8 DEC (.)

SECOND (.) TO UNLOAD AND PARK A VEHS ON ARRIVAL FROM FORLI (.)

THIRD (.) THEY WILL REMAIN UNTIL DUTY IS COMPLETED AND RETURN TO

UNITS UNDER [redacted] ORDERS O/C MMIA VEH PK BOLOGNA

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SENT NR Ø32132 AT 1405 FB B K

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THAT BOLIG OBLIQUE STROKE IN THE INFO ADDS

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FROM : CSDR

TO : MGEA

INFO : 12 VK PARK PORLI

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SD 0740

FURTHER TO OUR SD 0457 DATED 30 NOV (.) FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSITION AT PORLI 5 DEC (.) HEAD (A) TYPE OF EQPT (B) CLASS I/CLASS II/CLASS III

A	B		
	CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS III
LIGHT (B) TRUCKS	20	8	-
LIGHT FORDSON MARK XII	-	4	-
LIGHT DODGE MARK IV	15	19	66
LIGHT FORDSON WOT	-	1	-
MED ARC MARK III	-	18	-
MED STANDARD MARK I	33	30	103
MED STANDARD MARK II	11	1	5
MED STANDARD T472AA	2	1	1
SECOND (.) SCOUT CARS (.)			
HUMBER MARK I	-	2	70
HUMBER MARK II	-	20	144
FORD MARK II	8	1	1
FORD MARK III	-	2	-
THIRD (.) LIGHT TANKS (.)			
SETTLET BRIDGE I	2	4	-
SETTLET BRIDGE II	2	-	-
FOURTH (.) MED TANKS (.)			
SHERMAN I	5	-	-
SHERMAN IB	22	-	-
SHERMAN IC	3	-	-
SHERMAN II	4	-	-
SHERMAN 2A	25	-	-
SHERMAN III	24	-	-
SHERMAN II DOZER	1	5	-
SHERMAN V	96	-	-
SHERMAN VC	25	3	-

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LIGHT ARMOURED MARK III	23	8	-
LIGHT ARMOURED MARK IV	-	4	-
LIGHT ARMOURED AOP	15	19	66
MED ARC MARK III	-	1	-
MED ARMOURED MARK I	-	10	-
MED ARMOURED MARK II	33	30	103
MED ARMOURED T172AA	11	1	5
	2	1	1

SECOND (.) SCOUT CARS (.)

HUMBER MARK I	-	2	70
HUMBER MARK II	-	20	144
FORD MARK II	8	1	1
FORD MARK III	-	2	-

THIRD (.) LIGHT TANKS (.)

STUART RECCE I	2		
STUART RECCE II	2	-	-

FOURTH (.) MED TANKS (.)

SHERMAN I	5		
SHERMAN IB	22	-	-
SHERMAN IC	3	-	-
SHERMAN II	4	-	-
SHERMAN 2A	25	-	-
SHERMAN III	24	5	-
SHERMAN II DOZER	1	-	-
SHERMAN V	96	5	-
SHERMAN VC	25	-	-

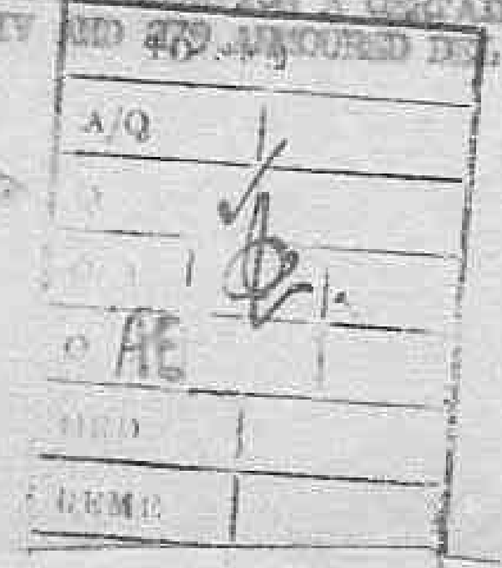
FIFTH (.) SP GUNS (.)

105 MM M7	11	24	45

SIXTH (.) SP A/TK GUNS (.)

3 INCH M 10	1	25	80

SEVENTH (.) THERE ARE IN ADDITION A CERTAIN NUMBER OF CLASS II OR III VEHICLES WITH CDN ARMOURED DIV AND ARMOURED BDE SQN (.) THIS TOOK FROM THIS NO WILL HAVE FULL DETAILS



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FROM:- CNO OMP 821120Z

TO:- MMIA

(INFO):- 12 UDS DU PORLI

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SPCIAS. RSTD. FURTHER TO OUR TELEGRAM DATED 20 NOV. FOLLOWING ITEMS

AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT PORLI 5 DEC. READ (A) ITEM OR ITEMS

(B) CLASS I / CLASS II / CLASS III.

FIRST. ARMY CARS.

(A) LT ARMOURIES (B) 20/5/-

(A) LT TURRET MK III (B) -/4/-

(A) LT TURRET MK IV (B) 15/10/50

(A) LT TURRET MOT (B) -/1/-

(A) MED MK III (B) -/10/-

(A) MED STAGHOUND MK I (B) 30/20/150

(A) MED STAGHOUND MK II (B) 11/1/5

(A) MED STAGHOUND TITCHA (B) 2/1/1.

SECOND. SCOUT CARS.

(A) HUMBER MK I (B) -/2/10

(A) HUMBER MK II (B) -/10/14

(A) FORD MK II (B) 2/1/1

(A) FORD MK III (B) -/2/-.

THIRD. LIGHT TANKS.

(A) STUART RIGHT I (B) 2/-/-

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(A) [illegible] (B) -/2/[illegible]

(A) HEADED XU II (B) -/20/144

(A) FORD IV (B) 2/1/1

(A) FORD IV III (B) -/2/-.

THIRD. LIGHT TANKS.

(A) STUART HEDGE I (B) 2/-/-

(A) STUART HEDGE II (B) 2/-/-

FOURTH. MED TANKS.

(A) SHERMAN I (B) 5/-/-

(A) SHERMAN II (B) 20/-/-

(A) SHERMAN II (B) 3/-/-

(A) SHERMAN II (B) ~~1/-/-~~ 1/-/-

(A) SHERMAN IIA (B) 25/-/-

(A) SHERMAN III (B) 24/5/-

(A) SHERMAN III POSTP (B) ~~1/-/-~~ 1/-/-

(A) SHERMAN V (B) 55/1/-

(A) SHERMAN V C (B) 35/-/-

FIFTH. SP GUNS.

(A) [illegible] (B) 11/24/43

SEVEN. SP A TK GUNS.

(A) 3 INCH 10 (B) 1/23/20

SEVENTH. TITRS ARE IN ADDITION A CERTAIN NUMBER OF CLASS 40 AT
WHIS WITH 1 ARMD DIV AND ETO ARMD DET HQ. THE REP HOPE THIS NO WILL
HAVE FULL DETAILS

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Rec.

FROM : M.M.I.A.

G.H.Q.

INFO: 12 VEH PARK FORLI'

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YOUR SD O 437 30 NOV STOP POINTS A B AND C ALL CONFIRMED STOP FOR 12 VEH PARK NO ACCM REQUIRED

Internal: G (SD)

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R.A. CURTISS, Lt.Col. AQMG

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: SDO437

Date / Time of Origin: NOV 301245

Message Centre No: H/8250

Date Time Rec'd: NOV / 301830

Precedence: OP PRIORITY

FROM: GHQ CMF

TO : MMIA ,INFO: 12 VEH P K FORLI

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2 DEC 1946

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Ref SDO416 dated 27 November second subject.

1. Request confirmation on following points soonest.

(A) AMME and Italian reps will report to 12 Veh Park Forli' at 1000 hrs 5 December with authority to accept or reject equipment.

(B) Bologna Veh Park will be ready to accept 20A Vehs daily starting on 9 December.

(C) That suitable ACCM can be provided by Veh PK Bologna for approx 15 British or alternatively that you can produce drivers to unload and park the tanks when they arrive.

2. Request you inform 12 Veh PK no of Offrs and or who will require ACCM for nights 4/5 December and 5/6 December.

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ACTION - MMIA 2

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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MESSAGE

FROM : MMIA 29 1135A

TO : WAR MINISTRY
INFO : GHQ 6 BLU

Q. 40 UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT TRANSFER STAGHOUND ARMOURED CARS 56 SHERMAN TANKS 189 SP GUNS 59 FROM 12 VEH PARK F O R L I (.) 20 VEHICLES WILL BE DELIVERED B O LO G N A EACH DAY COMMENCING 9 DEC (.) ESSENTIAL SITE PREPARED TO RECEIVE BY THIS DATE (.) BGS AND ADME FROM MMIA WILL VISIT 6 COMILITER 4 DEC DISCUSS DETAILS

See 21

See 16

PRECEDENCE Emergent

SIGNED R.E. Chesterton

INTERNAL: G(SD) REME ORD FILE 215 Q

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Telephone :
Rome [illegible]081 Ext 405

LAND FORCES SUB COM,AC (MMIA)CMD

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23 Nov 46

Ministry of War.

SEE 42-A

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Subject : 'A' VEHICLES - HOLDINGS.

Ref our Q 137 of 13 Nov 1946 and Q 004 dated 21 Nov 46.

Your present holdings of 'A' Vehicles total 1653 against an authorised establishment of 2664.

Attached at Appx. 'A' find revised proforma which will be substituted for that attached to our Q 137 of 13 Nov 46.

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Major-General,
GOC , MMIA

RAC/lm

Internal : G(Ops & SD)
File Q 006

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Carriers

[illegible]		45		16		–		57		52		112
[illegible]		43		16		–		57		52		112
[illegible]		43		16		–		57		52		112
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[illegible]		43		16		–		57		49		112
[illegible]		43		16		–		57		49		112
[illegible]		43		16		–		57		49		112
3 Internal security sites		3		1		–		10		42		56
10 International Orgs.		–		–		–		5		21		26
Foreign publics		12		21		3		31		28		32
Services		–		–		–		6		–		–
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TOTAL												

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Appendix "A" to N.O.I. Letter .137 of Dec 46

Carriers

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-	-		1		21		46		-		736	< 10
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SUBJECT TRANSFER A F Vs FROM 12 TH BASE F O R L I'

TO B O L O G N A FOR ITALIAN ARMY (.) AFHQ FX 73038

4 NOW KEPING (.) AWAIT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTION

AND DETAILS ASSISTANCE DRIVERS AND TANK TRANSPORTERS

WHO CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE

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SUBJECT TRANSMIT A F We KNOW IF THE NAME P O R L I'

TO B O L O G N A FOR ITALIAN ARMY (.) APHQ FF 73038

4 NOV REFERS (.) AWAIT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTION

AND DETAILS ASSISTANCE DIC KERS AND TANK TRANSPORTERS

WHICH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE

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R.F. HYATT, MAJOR

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Subject: Maintenance of BRITISH Equipment.

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 217 Area 119
Ref: Q/1/1
17th Nov. '46

(15-A)

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

Reference para 10 of this Headquarters Progress Report No.16.

It has now been agreed that repairs to armoured cars and carriers at O.A.R.E. shall be expedited. Vehicles awaiting repair have been partly accommodated in covered buildings, and the remainder stored in the open under cover of tarpaulins.

In case of necessity, a request to store the over-flow under cover at BUDRIO (6 Eff. Veh. Pk.), has been made to 6 COMILITER.

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Tele[illegible] :
Rome 405031 Ext 415

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13 Nov 46

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For Ministry (by 18)

Subject : 'A' Vehicles - Holdings

Reference is made to your M.A6/6316 of 26 September 46. SEAV

1. It is noted that your present holdings of 'A' vehicles total 1633 against an authorised establishment of 3666.

2. You are requested to complete the attached proforma in order to show more precisely what deficiencies exist and how the available vehicles are distributed.

3. If you have been able to obtain release of any Carriers from ADAR you are requested to notify particulars to M M I A.

Should any future release be negotiated with ADAR this HQ should be informed.

Internal :G(Ops & SD)
File Q.006

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L. Major-General
GOC, MMIA

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Carriers

	Scout Cars		Armd Cars		Armd C.Ps		Universal		3" Mortar		[illegible]	
	Held	[illegible]	Held	[illegible]	Held	[illegible]	Held	[illegible]	Held	[illegible]	Held	[illegible]
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POLGORE												
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Internal Sec Div												
Ind Inf Regts												
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Carriers

Care	Armd C.Ps	Universal	3" Mortar	[illegible]	Lloyd	TOTAL
Hold [illegible]	Hold [illegible]	Hold [illegible]	Hold [illegible]	Hold [illegible]	Hold [illegible]	Hold [illegible]

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Wpns to Ds Disp

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 1/3475/Serv
Date: 25/10/46

Subject: Handing in and withdrawal of British tanks.

Ref. verbal agreements made at Bologna between Lt.Col. BLUNT and Maj. Fiore of this S.M. - .

1) Regarding the possible transfer from Forli to Bologna of armoured vehicles to be handed over to the Italian Army, "tank trucks" will be required in order to transport medium and light tanks.

We beg you to examine the possibility of assigning a certain number of these trucks bearing in mind that without them no movement by road can be carried out and that, if rail transport is used exclusively, the withdrawal of the tanks would require a certain length of time due to the shortage of suitable railway waggons.

2) Furthermore, we would point out the necessity of forming quickly a group of personnel having experience in driving and knowing technical characteristics of medium and light tanks, in order that they may be detailed to withdraw and maintain said tanks.

For this purpose and also for future training requirements, it would be advisable to make several officers and NCOs coming from the Tank Corps, attend a brief course under the guidance of British instructors.

Should you agree with the proposal, the possibility of carrying out said course at 12 Allied Park at Forli, or eventually at the 13 British Corps could be examined.

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SUBJECT : Transfer A.F.V.'s to Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
G.137

10 October 1946

TO : O.C. 38 Vehicle Company

Ref conversation CURTIES - HODGSON and copy of A.F.H.Q. letter C-5/AFHQ/155 of 3 Oct.

Request you instruct 12 Vehicle Park by signal to afford necessary facilities to Lt.Col. BIUNT A.D.M.S. and Italian Army officers nominated by 6 B.L.O. to inspect vehicles prior to acceptance by the War Ministry.

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RAC

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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WAR DIARY OF 6 DIVISION FOR MAJOR PART OF 6 DIVISION AND TWO OTHER WAR DIARIES OF VOLS 12 VARIOUS PART VERY POOR I AMNT TO BE HANDED OVER WITH A VIEW TO SELECTING CERTAIN INTERESTING MATERIAL FOR THE ITALIAN ARMY (.) CERTAIN 6 DIVISION ARCHIVES WHAT IS EXISTING AND IF POSSIBLE CERTAIN ARTIFICIAL LOCAL DETAILS REQUIRED

ENCLOSURE: Italian Officer

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N.A. Brigade Major

