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Subject:- Vehicle Census.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. I. A.) RCSE
C.203
26 January, 1946.

To:- G.H.Q.

28-B

Reference your CMO/4510/3(AE) of 16 Jan 46.

1. These motorcycles were released to remedy the serious deficiency in transport of the G.H.Q. They are being brought on charge of the Italian Army and allocated to G.H.Q. units by the War Ministry.
2. They will be included in the return now being prepared by the War Ministry, quoting the V.D. numbers of all British vehicles taken over by the Italian Army. They are considered to be in the same category as British vehicles in possession of the Gruppi on the 15 Nov 45.
3. Up to the 15 Nov, the British vehicles as also British military equipment was considered as on loan to the Italian Army. Instructions are awaited as to the detailed procedure for accounting for such war-like material and vehicles as are now retained by the Italian Army.

RAB
S.A. GUTHRIE Lt. Col.
For Major General,
M. I. A.

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Copy to:- 2 District.

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Subject:- "B" Vehicle Census.

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

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G.H.Q. S.M.F.

23 Jan 46.

Reference your GHQ/6540/9/Q(AE) of 14 Jan.

It is hereby confirmed that no Italian vehicles bearing W.D. numbers had been transferred to the Italian Government prior to the receipt of your letter GHQ/6540/9/Q(AE) dated 27 Oct 45.

M. W. Pragnell Capt.

M.W. PRAGNELL, Opt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Spare Parts for
Allied vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.G.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q.203

22 Jan 46.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

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Reference your 20610/01778 of 15 Jan.

It is regreted that spare parts for allies vehicles cannot be supplied as per the system prior to Nov 15th, our Q/OS/11/8 of 18 Jan para 3 explains.

File 32-Q 003

M. W. Pragnell Capt.

M.W. PRAGNELL, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject :- Vehicle Census.

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

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MINISTRY OF WAR.

22 Jan 46.

1. Information urgently required as to the following vehicles, still on census charge to Mafella Patriot Bn disbanded on 20 May 1945. There has been no trace of any of these vehicles being handed in or transferred since that date.

Motor Cycle Solo	4788372
" " "	4788423
Car 5 cwt 4x4	5636550
Truck 15 cwt 4x2 GS	5231949
" " " "	5625176
" " " B.P.T.	4904294
Lorries 30 cwt 4x2 GS	4734739
" " " " "	4823684
" 3 Ton 4x2 GS	5655310
" " " " "	5655343

M.W. FRAGNELL, Capt.

M.W. FRAGNELL, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- 'B' Vehicle Census

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS CMB

Tele No. Freedom 518

CHQ/6509/1/Q(AB)

19 Jan 46

Land Forces Sub Commission
(MHA) RCMB

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25A Further to our letter of even number dated 31 Dec 45 and your 205 dated 16 Jan 46 addressed to Ministry of War, copy to this Headquarters.

1. The rendition of a 'B' Vehicle Return as at 31 Jul 45 by No. 3 Italian G.T. Coy will not clarify the position regarding the vehicles at present shown on Census records as held on charge to the unit in question.
2. If this unit was transferred to Iti-Iti Category w.e.f. 31 Jul 45 and is now part of the Italian Army it will be necessary to know what arrangements were made regarding disposal of the vehicles held by the unit at that time.
3. It is requested therefore that you state whether the vehicles were sold or are on loan to the Italian Government. If they were sold particulars of the sale and the vehicles involved in the sale should be given and if on loan the authority responsible for reporting the vehicles on monthly returns should be given and an up to date return rendered. Alternatively if the vehicles were returned when the unit was transferred particulars of the vehicles handed in and to whom should be stated.

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R. M. Branchette

R.M. BRANCHETTE, Major,
for Major General,
Major General, Administration

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Copy to:- Statecentre (Census) CHQ MEF
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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/HNDG NO.

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FROM: M M I A

TO(FOR ACTION): DISTWO

INFO

: GHQ
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REFERENCE THIS HQ Q/203 19 JAN (.) MAY ACTION
ALSO BE TAKEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH BRQ/6509/1/3(AE) OF
14 JAN IN RESPECT OF ONE AND TWO ITALIAN GT COYS

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION C.E. KING, MAJOR

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Subject:- Vehicle Demands.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) ROME.

Q.203.

19 January, 1946.

To:-

9 B.I.U.
Bari.

*Refer 28
Q.203*

1. It is noted that according to your Monthly Report, application has been made by you to 54 Area for the release of a motorcycle against deficiency in W.E.
2. This is contrary to instructions contained in this H.Q.'s Q.204 of 17 Dec 45, paragraph 3, which states that all vehicle demands and replacements are to be made through this H.Q.
3. Arrange forthwith for 54 Area to cease taking action on your demand and to cancel any release order that may have been authorized. Meanwhile, this H.Q. has applied to G.H.Q. for the release of a motorcycle which will be allotted to you on receipt.



C.E. KING, Major,
for Major General,
M. H. I. A.

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Subject: Vehicle Census

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS CEF

Tele No. Freedom 427

GHQ/6509/1/9(13)

18 Jan 46

Lead Forces Sub Commission,
(MIA) ROE

1. Information has been received from GHQ MEF that the vehicles listed hereunder are still on Census charge to the Mailella Patriot. Bn. This Unit was disbanded on 20 May 45 and there is no trace of the vehicles being handed in or transferred.

2. Several unsuccessful attempts have been made to locate these vehicles and it would be appreciated if you could furnish us with any information regarding their whereabouts.

3. This information is required urgently in order that Statcentre (Census) can bring their Census records up to date.

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Lorries 5 ton 4x2 GS	2	5655310, 5655343

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J. R. IRVINE, Capt.,
for Major General,
Major General, Administration.

JW/EMA

Land Forces Sub Commission,
(301A) ROME

1. Information has been received from HQ IEF that the vehicles listed hereunder are still on census charge to the Maliella Patriot, Bn. This unit was disbanded on 20 May 45 and there is no trace of the vehicles being handed in or transferred.

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Examine box 350

W.F. IRVINE, Capt.,
for Major General,
Major General, Administration.

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FROM DISTHREE 17A
TO DISTWO
INFO MMIA

AGE70 . UNCLAS . REFERENCE MMIA Q/203 OF 10 . PAPERS IN RESPECT
OF NO 2 ITALIAN GT COY PASSED TO YOU UNDER COVER THIS HQ 104/437A
OF 10 SEP . REQUEST YOU TAKE ACTION
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS C&F

Subject: Vehicle Census.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

GHQ/6510/Q(AE)

Land Forces Sub Commission, AG,
(MVA), ROME.

16 Jan 46

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1. 18 Vehicle Park report the issue of 63 Motor Cycles to you for Carabinieri in 2 District under authority of VR/3904 dated 14 Dec 45.
2. It is requested that you inform this Headquarters if the vehicles are to be held against the VR of AG ITALY or if against the VR of some particular unit. In the latter case the correct designation and VR of the unit concerned must be given.
3. Under the same release note mentioned in para 1, authority was given for the release of a further 237 Motor Cycles, 154 from 9 Veh Park, 78 from 13 Veh Park, and 5 from 19 Veh Park, making a grand total of 300 Motor Cycles in all.
4. Information similar to that requested in para 2 should be given for the vehicles detailed in para 3.

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J. F. Irvine Capt.

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J.F. IRVINE, Capt.,
for Major General,
Major General, Administration.Copy to: Statcentre (Census), GHQ, MEF - Your CS/CENSUS/334 of
8 Jan 46 refers.

HQ 2 District.

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M. J. P.

(28A)

Subject:- Census returns.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.O.
(M.M.I.A.)

R O R E

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16 Jan 46.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

SEE 138 - Q/205

1. No 3 Italian ST Coy was transferred to ITI-ITI Category w.c.f. 31 July 45 and is now part of the Italian Army.
2. Since the a/m date no census returns have been received in respect of this unit by Allied Records.
3. The census of vehicles held by this unit as at 31 July 45 should be forwarded without delay to Statcentre (Census) GHQ MEF; confirmation that this has been done is to be sent to this HQ.

RAC

R.A. CUNNINGHAM, Lt.Col,
For Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- G&HQ CMT -

your GHQ/6509/1/Q(AE)
of 31 Dec 45 refer
StatCentre (Census)
GHQ MEF

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Translation.

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From:- M. of W.

Ref:-20610/01778.

To:- MMIA.

Date:- 15th. Jan. 46.

Subject:- Spare parts for Allied vehicles.

1) With letter No.25832 dated 13/12/45, this Ministry pointed out that the assignment of an adequate quantity of spare parts was essential, among other things, to ensure the continuity of the service of the new repair organisation for Allied vehicles.

2) In you letters No. Q/027 dated 28/11/45 and EMA/1545 dated 5/12/45, you informed us that such request was accepted and that the system carried out at the time for the supply of spare parts for Allied vehicles, would continue as in the past.

3) HQ., Military Central Schools at Cesano informed us by telegram that No.12 BLU, located at the a/m school, refused all indents dealing with MT spares and fuel, w.e.f. the 1st inst.

4) We earnestly beg you to approach AFHQ so that the system of supply for Allied vehicles spare parts, may continue as carried out in the past until the new organisation is improved.

Sgt. Fabre.

Sgd. G. Balanzino.

R/17/1/46 4346
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Subject : 'E' Vehicle CensusGENERAL HEADQUARTERS GAT

Tel No. Freedom 427

GR/6540/9/4(AB)

14 Jan 46

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(LSCA) ROME ✓

Reference your letter Q/205 dated 12 Jan 46.

In view of the information contained in your above quoted letter can you confirm that no Italian vehicles bearing W.D. numbers had been transferred to the Italian Government prior to receipt of our letter of even reference dated 27 Oct 45. If any such vehicles were transferred it is requested that details quoting W.D. number be forwarded as requested in our letter of even reference dated 9 Oct 45 and 27 Oct 45.

JML/RE

J.F. Irvine Capt.
J.F. IRVINE, Captain,
For Major General,
Major General Administration

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Subject:- "B" Vehicle Census.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
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GHQ CMF.

12 Jan 46.

*File 73A
18 jacket
Q 205*

1. Reference your GHQ/6540/9/Q(AE) of 28 Dec.
2. It has now been ascertained that the lists submitted showed vehicles which had not been allocated W.D. numbers but possessed U.S. Army identification, and consequently details are not held in the records of Statcentre (Census) GHQ CMF.

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[Signature]
C.E. KING, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject : 'B' Vehicle Census

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS GAF

Tel No. Freedom 518

GBR/6509/1/4(AE)

14 Jan 46

Lead Forces Sqn Comdantion A.G.
(MIA) EGGS

Reference our letter of even number dated 24 Dec 45 and your
Q/203 dated 10 Jan 46 to HQ 2 and 3 Districts, copy to this Headquarters.

1. No reference is made in your above quoted letter to the fact
that 'B' Vehicle Returns should be submitted by 1 and 2 Italian G.I.
Coys if in fact Disbandment has not been completed.
2. It is requested therefore that these units are instructed to
render returns of their holdings of 'B' vehicles forthwith in order
that any queries raised can be cleared before disbandment is completed.
Once Disbandment is complete considerable difficulty and delay is
experienced in tracing vehicles.

JFI/TH

Copy to : Statecentre (Census) GAF HQ
HQ No.2 District
HQ No.3 District
G.B.L.U. C.M.F.

R.M. Branclette
R.M. BRANCLETTE, Major,
for Major General,
Major General Administration.

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Subject:- "B" Vehicle Census.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
H O M E
Q/203

10 Jan 45.

2 DISTRICT
3 DISTRICT.

*Julius
Date 30/8-2*

1. No 1 and No 2 Italian Gt. Coys (W.E.'s CH-521/1 - 533/1-532/1-539/1) were ordered to be disbanded under ref G-1(BR)/1074/A.I. (Serv 3029) of 26 Aug 45 - disbandment to be completed by 16 Sep 45.

2. It appears, however, that these two units have not yet been completely disbanded and moreover No 1 Gt. Coy still continue to issue Vehicle Part X Orders from time to time.

3. May arrangements please be made for the completion of the disbandment of those two units and vehicles returned in accordance with Q(AE) AFHQ CMF Instructions No 13.

[Signature]
G.E. KING, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- GHQ CMF - your GHQ/6509/
1/Q(AE) of
31 Dec refers.

Stat Centre (Census) GHQ MEF
16 BLU CMF

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Subject:- 'B' Vehicle Census

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS GMP

Tele No. Freedom 427

GHQ/6509/1/Q(AB)

2/ Dec 45

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
MIA, ROME.

1, 2 and 3 Italian G.T. Coys.

1. It is understood that the above mentioned Companies ceased to be an Army responsibility on 29 July 45 and became an A.C. (MIA) responsibility under authority AFHQ letter AGO91.711/111 of 22 July 45.

2. Since the date of the above transfer none of these Companies have rendered 'B' Vehicle returns to Statcentre(Census) GHQ MEF and disbandment notices have been received in respect of 1 and 2 Italian G.T. Coys. In spite of this 1 Italian G.T. Coy continue to publish Part X Orders from time to time. Approximately 120 vehicles are shown as held on charge to 1 and 2 Italian G.T. Coys and 182 vehicles on charge to 3 Italian G.T. Coy.

3. In view of this unsatisfactory situation it is requested that you take action to ensure the prompt rendition of 'B' Vehicle returns and that the procedure outlined in G.R.O. 1171/45 is carried out by these Companies, or alternatively if the units have been disbanded, details of the disposal of the vehicles held.

JFI/FMA

R.M. BRANCETTE, Major,
for Major General,
Major General, Administration.

Copy to:- Statcentre(Census) GHQ MEF - Dec Liaison Visit Note No. 8 refers.

3/1/46
R.P.

Q 203

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TRANSLATION

21.A.T.

From: J. of W.Ref: 30976/DLTo: Transport MinistryDate: 29/12/45Subject: Assignment of vehicles from Allied sources.

Further to letter n. 27308 dated 26th November 1945 and letter 28729 dated 10th inst, from this Ministry.

We beg our Ministry to kindly order that the vehicles from Allied sources are handed over in running order, as laid down by M.N.I.A., and complete with loading equipment, including the spare wheel.

We beg you moreover to kindly order that the said vehicles are supplied with P.O.L., as proposed to your Ministry by Naples War Disposal Office, in order ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ to render the transfer of the vehicles to the nearest Military Administration Camp, possible.

Please acknowledge.

R. ERICERL. Cpl

(Sgd) Gen. Properzj.

Ref: 30976/DLDate: 29/12/45

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TO M.N.I.A. for information.

(Sgd) Col. Balanzino.

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SUBJECT: 'B' Vehicles.

'F' BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref; AQ/17A/711

10 Dec. 45.

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

Copy to: A.D.O.S.
HQ Rome Area Allied Command.
(Your OS/750/11 dtd. 7 Dec. 45 refers).

1. A letter has been received from A.D.O.S., Rome Area Allied Command, asking for the whereabouts of Ford Vehicle 3-ton 4 x 2 G.S., W.E. No. 4974999 on charge to 'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army. It is further stated that A.D.O.S. issued disposal instructions (reference OS/750/11 of 8 Aug. 45) for the above mentioned vehicle to be returned to 416 R.V.P. The vehicle park state that the vehicle has not been returned.
2. 'G' Training Unit was not administered by this Unit, and it is possible the vehicle concerned was taken on charge whilst 'G' Training Unit had a section of its office at M.M.I.A.
3. Would you please cause inquiries to be made so that an answer can be sent to A.D.O.S., R.A.A.C.

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Major D.W.R.
Comd. 'F' British Liaison &
Training Unit RTC ICF

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YOUR FX 55319 3 DEC AND CONVERSATION COL PIDSLEY BRIGADIER SHARPE
(.) SUGGEST TUESDAY 11 DEC 1430 HRS FOR CONFERENCE SUBJECT MAINT
ITALIAN ARMY BRITISH EQUIPMENT TO BE FOLLOWED BY CONFERENCE
ACCOMODATION (.) AS SUITABLE ACCOMODATION FOR TERRITORIAL
TRAINING CENTRES MATTER OF EXTREME URGENCY AND UDINE NOT YET
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PRECEDENCE important

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FROM AFHQ 031612A

TO MHIA

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RESTRICTED FROM Q(AE) CME (.) YOUR Q 027 OF 28 NOV AND SITEMO 03443
 OF 28 NOV NOT TO ALL (.) FIRST (.) DEMANDS FOR SPARES FOR BRITISH
 EQPT ON CHARGE GRUPPI AND TRAINING CENTRES CESANO WILL BE PASSED TO
 DDOS 2 DISTRICT OR ADOS RAAC FROM BLUS CONCERNED (.) 2 DISTRICT AND
 RAAC WILL FORWARD TO ORD DIRECTORATE THIS GHO FOR SCREENING BEFORE
 PASSING TO 557 BOD FOR ISSUE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITIES (.) SECOND (.)
 ACCOUNTS WILL BE MAINTAINED BY BLUS CONCERNED (.) THIRD (.) ABOVE
 ARRANGEMENT WILL CONTINUE ONLY UNTIL 31 DEC 45 WHEN CONDITIONS PARA
 11 AND 12 OF OUR AG 591 711 C(CB) -0 OF 2 NOV WILL BE APPLIED (.)
 FOURTH (.) CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT MEETING REFERRED YOUR PARA 2
 BE HELD AT THIS GHO IN ORDER ALL SERVICES REPS MAY BE PRESENT (.)
 ADVISE SUITABLE DATE

BT

SENT NR 42 MM BB

R. Wright
Q 027

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

DATE/TIME 281130A

FROM : DISTWO

TO : GHQ CMF

INFO : MMIA

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REF MMIA SIGNAL Q 695 DATED 24 AND YOUR C 41261 DATED 26 (.)

REQUEST YOU AGREE ALTERNATIVE LOCATION TO BOLOGNA AS WORKSHOPS FOR BRITISH
VEHICLES ON CHARGE TO GRUPPI (.) PROPOSED TO USE BOLOGNE AS A BRITISH
CONCENTRATION AREA FOR CLOSE UP OF DISTRICT AND ACCOMMODATION SITUATION
THERE ACUTE

ACTION COPY : Q.027

Sigurd / A.F.H.Q. info Distwo.

*Ref Distwo Q G. 184 of 28 Dec letter
in liaison agreement with ^{returning} ~~collected~~ San Vitale
Workshop to Italian Air for repair resources @ 1335...
decision at Army Commission Conference 11 Dec Yarn
refers. *Shane 347*
*Fried**

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FROM DISTWO 281130A

TO CHQ CMF

INFO MMIA

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QG 184 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.)

REF M M I A SIGNAL Q 695 DATED 24 AND YOUR C 41261

DATED 26 (.) REQUEST YOU AGREE ALTERNATIVE LOCATION TO

B O L O G N A AS WORKSHOPS FOR BRITISH VEHICLES ON

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AND ACCOMMODATION SITUATION THERE ACUTE

BT THI 1230

SENT 1342 D.M.D. B1 K

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SUBJECT: Transfer of British Equipment and
M.T. to the Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

(M. M. I. A.)

R O M E.

Q. 027

28 November 1945

TO : WAR MINISTRY

Reference your 021300/DW of 13 Nov and further to this H.Q.
letter Q.027 of 20 Nov. 25832

1. Pending further instructions as to the hand over to the Italian Government of British equipment and M.T. together with 12 months maintenance spares approval has been obtained for the present system of maintenance for M.T. on charge Gruppi to continue.

2. You should inform all Territorial H.Q. concerned of this decision and acquaint them with your intention that Bologna shall become the centre to which British M.T. and equipment will be evacuated for 3rd line repairs from workshops with the Training Centre CERSANO and the Gruppi.

3. It is appreciated that the administration of the Gruppi by the Territorial Commands is complicated by the present lack of British maintenance spares at the disposal of the Ministry. Approval has been obtained by M.M.I.A. for the temporary retention of the R.M.M.A. training increment. In addition it is anticipated that British Ordnance Officers will be attached to the B.L.U.'s concerned, who will continue to give what assistance is possible.

4. Further instructions will be issued to the B.L.U.'s as soon as a decision on this subject is reached by higher authority.

Copy: 1 BLU Turin
2 BLU Genoa
3 BLU Milan
4 BLU Bolzano

R.A. CURTIS, Lt. Col. 4334
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)

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R.A. Curtiss

R.A. CURTISS, Lt. Col. 4334
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)

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YOUR 041261 26 NOV (.) GRATEFUL YOUR ASSURANCE PRESENT MAINTENANCE
SYSTEM MAY CONTINUE (.) THIS ESSENTIAL IF EFFICIENCY OF COMBAT DIVISIONS
IS NOT TO DEGRADATE (.) ADME MMIA NOW VISITING BOLOGNA RETURNS HOME
1 DEC WITH DETAILS ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED (.) IMMEDIATE TRANSFER OF
SUCH SPARE PARTS AS ARE READILY AVAILABLE NEEDED TO COMMENCE BUILD UP
OF ITALIAN ORGANISATION TO DEAL WITH BRITISH EQUIPMENT (.)
REQUIREMENTS (.) FIRST (.) INSTRUCTIONS TO DISTWO AND RAC THAT
MAINTENANCE BRITISH EQUIPMENT COMBAT DIVISIONS AND TRAINING CENTRE
CESSANO CONTINUE AS PRIOR TO 15 NOV SUBJECT ANY ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE NOW
CONSIDERED NECESSARY (.) SECOND (.) CONFERENCE PREFERABLY MILAN APR
DISTWO MMIA REP Q ORD HOME TO DECIDE IMMEDIATE ACTION INITIAL TRANSFER
SPARE AND ALLIED ASSISTANCE REQUIRED DURING HAND OVER PERIOD

See 15.

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Mr. DeLong

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FROM : AFHQ

DATE TIME 262044A

TO : MMIA

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CONTINUE AS AT PRESENT PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : NMIA
TO : AFHQ
INFO : DISTWO 6811 3 DLG

DATE 24 TIME 1500

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REF NO Q699

REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE MAINTENANCE BRITISH MT WITH CRUIER MAY
CONTINUE PENDING TRANSFER TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ADEQUATE SPACE PARTS
AND WORKSHOP FACILITIES (.) ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY PROPOSE BOLOGNA
SHALL DEAL WITH VEHICLES BRITISH ORIGIN BUT ESSENTIAL ALLIES REPAIRS
ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP SPACE (.) IF CRUIER LEAVE PRESENT LOCATIONS FIELD
WORKSHOPS WILL CLOSE AND VEHICLES AWAITING REPAIRS MUST BE EVACUATED (.)

PREFERENCE Normal

AUTHENTICATION R. B. K. G. G.

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FROM 53 BLU 211200A
TO LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION MMIA
INFO DADME N ITALY TRANSIT HOTEL BOLZANO
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Q6 . UNCLASS . FOR DADME . FOLGORE WKSPS EXPECTED TO MOVE
WITH DIV SHORTLY . 100 VEHs 60 M/Cs AWAITING REPAIR .
OF THESE APPROX 50 VEHs A AND B AND 60 M/C PARTIALLY
CANNIBALIZED BUT CAN BE BUILT UP IN 3RD ECHELON . PLEASE INFM
LOCATION ITALIAN 3RD LINE WKSPS AND RVPS FOR DISPOSAL .
FAILING THIS WKSPS CANNOT MOVE WITH DIV OR MUST LEAVE PROPORTION
BEHIND AS GUARD . OR MUST VEHs BE EVAC TO BRITISH EVPS WITH
CONSEQUENT LOSS TO ITALIAN ARMY . 2 DIST DISCLAIM FURTHER
RESPONSIBILITY

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Subject: M.P. - Orders re.

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

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21 Nov 45.

1. Ref your AQ/17/573 of 7 Nov 45.
2. You are no longer required to pass Ground Force orders re M.P. to ITC IOP.

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G.R. KING, Major,
DAQMG,
M.P.I.A.

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 SUBJECT: Transport Allied Vehicles.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
 (M.H.I.A.)
 ROME

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20 November 1945

TO : War Ministry

REFERENCE YOUR 024300/DA - 13 NOV.
 25352

The proposal to organize in Bologna a workshop and spare parts store capable of dealing with the maintenance of vehicles of Allied origin is approved.

The question of what stores are available and details of the impending transfer are being actively considered and a decision will be notified at the earliest possible date.

The requirements stated in the ultimate para of your letter under reference are noted and will receive careful consideration.

Ref

M.A. CHARTER 14.001.
 For Major General 327
 Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
 (M.H.I.A.)

Reference your 021309/M - 13 NOV.
28052

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Ref

H.A. JAMES, Lt. Col.
 for Major General 327
 and Major Sub. Collection A.C.
 (H.A. J.A.)

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 6/11123/Serv.

TO: All Comiliters addressed

DATE: 17.11.45

M.M.I.A. for info.

SUBJECT: Telegram - Vehicles

S.M.R.E. Services Office No.6/11123/Serv. (.) In agreement with M.M.I.A. we order that w.e.f. next week (19 - 26 November) all assignments of vehicles including these for reinforcement of w/e of administrative transport companies will be carried out by this S.M. Services Office (.) Therefore vehicles repaired by repairs units must all be handed in to the nearest serviceable vehicle park which will notify "availability" of them to their own comiliter (.) The comiliter will in turn notify availability to this S.M. in accordance with procedure laid down in letter A6/1020/Serv. of 20th. October last (.)

Sgd. MELONI

Col.

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FROM 53 BLH 191545A

TO MMIA ROME

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QD-439 . UNCLASD . REFERENCE M M I A LETTER NO Q027 DATED

2 NOV TO W A R M I N I S T R Y AND DRAFT M M I A

DIRECTIVE NO 2 DATED 16 NOV PARA 5 (J) (VI) . MAY INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE BE GIVEN SOONEST AS TO METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF E L R W D

VEHICLES OR RETENTION WITHIN COMBAT DIVS FOR BREAKING DOWN TO

PROVIDE SPARES

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TRANSLATION

From : Min of War.

Ref. /DM

To : MHA

Date : 12 Nov. 45.

Subject: Transfer of Allied Vehicles to the Italian Army.

Reference to Letters: 2/5 date 29 Oct. 45.

2/207 " 2 Nov 45.

Conversation with Major Taylor, MHA.

The transfer of Allied vehicles to the Italian Army, as compensation for the military vehicles left with civilians and for the transfer of whole divisions (Combat Groups), to the III-III units, brings into the foreground the great problem of repairs for same.

Even if for light and medium repairs in the Combat Groups, the workshops of the said Groups can provide, it is necessary to organise a large military workshops, suitable for the purpose, for repairs of the vehicles in all the other units (CC FR, Guards Battalions etc.), and for all heavy repairs, including those for the Combat Groups.

Such a workshop could be no other than the present 6th Repaire Unit, - formerly C.E.A.E., Bologna -, where suitable premises and long-standing organisation, and the old staff, who are capable and equipped to perform any repair works to vehicles exist.

Estimating roughly that the Allied vehicles to be issued number 5000, and supposing that each must undergo (in peace-time) a general overhaul every 12-15 months we should have to have a monthly turn-over of 350-400 vehicles, i.e., from 14 to 17 general overhauls for each working day.

The above makes it necessary for an active staff from 800-1000 men.

The C.E.A.E. organisation can arrive at these figures, both from a point of view of directive personnel and of qualified workmen (all civilians).

However, in order that this large turnover can function, it is necessary to have available, in the most absolute manner, a Spares Stores, supplied with every part, and an assurance, on the part of the Allies, that the supply of spares will never decrease.

Should this not be possible, and owing to the fact that the workshops would be equipped exclusively for the repairing of Allied vehicles and therefore would not be able to revert to other works, in substitution, as a means of filling up time, we should create a grave crisis in the works, and a heavy load upon the Military Administration.

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The stores would be organised in Bologna itself, transforming the 6th Spares Stores and stocking it exclusively with Allied spares.

Its initial scale of issue would have to correspond to amounts allowing for about a year's supply, and for such a period we can forecast a weight of spares equal to one tenth of the weight of the chassis issued.

The assortment of spares parts to be included, should be studied by Allied experts, who know the types of vehicles being issued and the statistical figures of the stores upon consumption of each part of the various types of vehicle.

We think that the best solution of the spares problem would be to pass to the Italian Army, a complete Allied stores, which may gradually, and with due attention, in order not to disturb the works, be transferred to Bologna.

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We exclude completely, the idea of issuing, as spares, vehicles to be broken up, in order to avoid the difficulty, too often encountered in the M.F. field, of having a surplus of one type of thing and a shortage of another, of higher wear and tear, which we shall find to be always either worn out or unserviceable in all the vehicles of the same type.

Since we presume that catalogues do not exist in the Italian language, but only in English, the assistance of specialised Allied storemen is necessary until the Italian storemen have acquired sufficient practice. It would be advisable to detach these Allied storemen to the future site of the stores, so as to be able to organise rationally the reception and storing of the stores, as they gradually arrived from the Allied stores.

It is necessary also, that, together with the storemen, there should be assigned a certain number of interpreters, aware of the technical terminology, in order to be able to instruct the Italian storemen in the interpretation of the catalogues.

It would be necessary, as well, that, with the stores there should be issued also the tools, and the eventual stores equipment, there being, at present, none available at Bologna, and it having been confirmed from recent and past experience, how long it takes to construct them.

Together with the spares there should also be issued a suitable number of spare tyres, which, even though there were an availability of raw materials, could not possibly be manufactured in Italy, there being no equipment for their production.

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- (6) The assignment of 10 Specialist storemen to the C.A.R.E.
- (7) The assignment of 10 Technical Interpreters to the C.A.R.E.
- (8) The exclusion of old vehicles as a source of spares.
- (9) Assurance from the Allies, of a punctual supply of spares and tyres.
- (10) The immediate evacuation of the spacious sheds of the C.A.R.E., still occupied by the Allies.

For the Minister,
Gen. P. C. PROPERZS.

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SUBJECT :-

Vehicle Documentation on Transfer of Units
from BR-ITI to ITI-ITI Categories.

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'F' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref : AQ/17/573

To: Land Forces Sub Commission, ✓
A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROME.

7 November 1945.

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1. In view of the contents of your letter Q027 dated 2 November 1945 addressed to the Italian Ministry of War, may this Unit please be informed if it will still be required to pass on to R.T.C. I.C.F. the contents of all GROs and Orders from R.A.A.C. on the subject of Motor Transport.

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*for Colonel,
Comd, 'F' British Liaison &
Training Unit RTC ICF.*

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SUBJECT :- No 21 Recovery Commission.

7 Nov 45

To :- MINISTRY OF WAR.

Reply to your H. 16/110/387.

1. Authority is hereby granted for the 25/29 of 21st Recovery Unit to be altered to :-

- 2 Motorcycles.
- 2 Passenger Vehicles.
- 6 Load-carriers.
- 1 Workshop lorry.
- 2 Tractors.

2. 25/29 of Nos 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 Rec. Units to be increased by 1 Tractor for each unit.

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 ROME
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 for Major General,
 4321 M.L.A.

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7 Nov 45

To :- MINISTRY OF WAR.

Reply to your N. A6/4164/Serv.

1. Authority is hereby granted for the WL/19 of 24st Recovery Unit to be altered to :-

- 2 Motorcycles.
- 2 Passenger Vehicles.
- 6 Load-carriers.
- 1 Workshop : lorry.
- 2 Drivers.

2. WL/19 of Nos 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 Rec. Units to be increased by 1 tractor for each unit.

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 for Mr. General,
 4321 M.I.A.

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Subject: 'B' Vehicle Census.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) RCMC.
Q.027
2 November, 1945.

To: G.H.Q. C.M.F.

Reference GHQ/6540/9/Q(AS) dated 27 October 45.

The information required is being obtained from the War Ministry and will be forwarded as soon as possible.

The only Italian Army vehicles so far transferred with Allied markings are those received from dispersed German P.W. Units. It is suggested that the information required will be more readily ~~obtainable~~ from the British units responsible for taking off strength the vehicles so transferred. *See 5*

In order that the information shall be more readily available in the case of vehicles transferred from British Combat Units, the War Ministry have been advised that full details are to be submitted immediately such vehicles are transferred.

RAC
H.A. GURTES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: S.I.

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Subject:-- Vehicle Documentation on transfer of Units
from ER-ITI to IRI-ITI Categories.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) RGE.

Q.027

2 November, 1945.

To:-- Ministry of War.

1. On the transfer to the Italian Army of the Combat Divisions and various other units formerly of "Gruppi Tattici" or "Service" category, Allied vehicles in possession of such units will become the property of the Italian Army.
2. You are therefore requested to instruct Territorial Commands and Combat Divisions concerned that, with effect from the date on which ER-ITI units are transferred, no further returns in respect of Allied vehicles in their possession will be required by CHQ CEF, and that vehicles will be accounted for to the War Ministry, STW by the submission of a monthly vehicle return similar to that which is at present rendered by IRI-ITI units.

3. In addition, will you please provide Territorial Commands and Combat Divisions with "blocks" of Italian Army Registration numbers (targa numbers) and arrange for the W.D. numbers at present displayed by the Allied vehicles to be replaced by the new numbers immediately the units concerned are transferred from ER-ITI category.

Lists showing the makes, types, original W.D. numbers, engine and chassis numbers of all Allied type vehicles held by each of the units concerned on the date of their transfer should be obtained by you and forwarded to this H.Q. It is important that this information should reach this H.Q. within 14 days of the date of transfer.

4. Further instructions will follow regarding the procedure to be adopted by such units for the evacuation and replacement of vehicles, and for obtaining vehicle spares of Allied manufacture.

R.A. GUTHRIE Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. H. I. A.

the Italian Army.

2. You are therefore requested to instruct Territorial Commands and Combat Divisions concerned that, with effect from the date on which BR-ITI units are transferred, no further returns in respect of Allied vehicles in their possession will be required by G.M.C.F., and that vehicles will be accounted for to the War Ministry, S.M.E. by the submission of a monthly vehicle return similar to that which is at present rendered by ITI-ITI units.

3. In addition, will you please provide Territorial Commands and Combat Divisions with "blocks" of Italian Army Registration numbers (target numbers) and arrange for the W.D. numbers at present displayed by the Allied vehicles to be replaced by the new numbers immediately the units concerned are transferred from BR-ITI category.

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for Major General,
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Subject: "B" Vehicle Census.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 518

GHQ/6540/9/Q(AE)

27 Oct 45

Land Forces Sub Commission,
 AC, MMIA,
 ROME. ✓

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Further to our letter of even number dated 9 Oct 45. *(normal)*

1. Reference para 3 of the above quoted letter it is requested that full details be forwarded to Q(AE) Census GHQ MEF of all Italian vehicles bearing WD numbers already transferred to the Italian Government.

2. This will apply to all such vehicles held by any Italian Unit.

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S. G. Gaskell Lt. Col.
 S.G. GASKELL, Lt. Col.,
 for Major General,
 Major General Administration.

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Copy to: Q(AE) Census GHQ MEF - Your 30225/28/Q(AE) Census of 22 Oct 45 refers.

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Mr R. B.

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