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Q 469

TOLMEZZO BATTALION

June 1946 - Jan. 1947

Telephone:
Rome 489081 Ext 334

LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AG. (MEXIA) CMF.

469 G. ✓

31 Jan 47.

5 B.L.U.

Subject :- Vehicles for TOLMEZZO BN.

Ref Q 002 24 Oct 46 and subsequent correspondence re temporary
issues to Tolmezzo Bn.

18 Veh Parks signal 18/1107 25 Jan states vehicles have been
issued while your AQ/47/357 24 Jan stated none were required.

Please elucidate and state what equipment is now held on
"temporary loan" by this Bn.

HOJP/cmm

*see Q-10112F
for list*
Rice
Lt. Col.
AGMC, MEXIA.

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GAM

2003-03-15

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4. I will not deny the possibility of small quantities of pearl finding their way on to "the black market". However I do not think that the risk is any greater with the Japanese than with any British firm. The Japanese is a capable administrator, keen on his job and very much all round.

5. The petrol allowance from the war ministry (2 shilling per Italian van per day) is entirely expended servicing the two days at MARSIGLIANO (30 miles) visiting near to A. MARSIGLIANO (20 miles from L'AVANA) and other purely Italian military business.

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Q. S. Swafford

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- "COLHESSE" ALPINE BR. -

- Description of work

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Services	Lorries		Average monthly
	Heavy	Light	
1. Daily service to the Road Post in the plain. Road Post REMOVED " " VILLARVA " " TOROGLIANO " " PARAGUAYO		4 1 1 1	4800
2. Twice a week service to mountain Road Post. PASSO UMBEL PASSO TARRERA (UOCHA) CAMPANA (ELIZABETH) STIVIERA CERLENGHES		2	5600
3. Service to the mine and orderone jails (once in 10 days)		1	450
4. Fortnightly supplies (food and fire wood) to all the Road Posts.	3		3200
5. Weekly inspection by Coy Commanders.		5	4400
6. Fortnightly inspection by the Co. Commander.		1	800
7. Various services during the month, testing vans, generators for wireless sets, mail service etc.			12,650

- "TORREAZO" ALPINE BN. -

- Consumption of petrol

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	Lorries		Average of monthly in.	Consumption of petrol
	Heavy	Light		
the plain.		1 1 1 1	4800	1600
pet lost.		2	5600	2800
jails		1	450	150
the road)	3		2200	1100
		3	4400	1470
Commander.		1	2200	740
testing vans, service etc.			19,650	2000
				5660

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FROM 16 VEN PK 251436

TO 5 B.L.U.

INFO M.M.I.A.

BT

13/1137(.) U/C (.) YOUR SIGNAL AQ/47/357 REFERS (.) VEHICLES
FOR TOLMEZZO B HAVE ALREADY BEEN ISSUED (.)

BT

TOLMEZZO BY

RM SENT (J.R.G.)

RD KFO 1233 BB

RECEIVED 23 JAN 1957

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R 28/1/47 Ash 5 BLD
to circulate!
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To See	
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COPY IN-COMING SIGN

FROM : 5 BJJ

24 11115 A

TO : 18 VEH PARK

INFO : WHIA

REF : AC/47/357

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REF WHIA SIGNAL Q 92 DATE TIME 22 1125 A (.)

NONE OF THESE VEHICLES REQUIRED FOR

T O L M E Z Z O BN

File: 204 Q

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24 25 JAN 1947

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To S:	
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Q 2nd	<i>✓</i>
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LROF V MBNF 6
QVR 2

FROM 5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT 22---A

TO GHQ

INFO M M I A

BT

6/123/65 (.) W/C (ML YOUR SD/2146/3 OF 7 JAN (.) GHQ ORDERED DDOS BTA
DESPATCH URGENTLY 6 W/T SET S AND 18 TELEPHONE SETS COMPLETE (.)
GHQ OS/3127 OF 16 NOV REFERRS (.) THESE NOT DESPATCHED SO 3 AGRA
SENT FOR THEM (.) NO BTYS (.) ISSUED WITH W/T OR TELEPHONE SETS (.)
AFTER DELAY IN EXCHANGE SIGS AGRA AGAIN SENT FOR BTYS (.) TRANSPORT
OVERTURNED DAMAGING BTYS (.) OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN HAND AND AM NOW
AWAITING 54 BTYS MARK II TELE SETS 5 AND 36 CELLS DRUM MARK 2830
II AND 11 BTYS 6V 75 AMP W/T (.)

BT

SENT (J.R.G.)

RD NR 6 TEDDY AT 0320

see 29

27/1/47

I Q 469 A

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MELA

22 125 A

5 HLU

18 VMI PARK
38 VMI OXY

Sel 36

Q. 92

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18 VMI PK NOTIFY FOLLOWING READY FOR IMMEDIATE COLLECTION (.) LONGINES
 3 TON QTY 2, 30 OWT QTY 1, 3 TON STORES QTY 1, 15 OWT WIRELESS QTY 2 (.)
 IF NOT REQUIRED FOR T O L M E Z Z O SIGNAL 18 VMI PK DIRECT (.) CAPT
 Q. 20. LONG STAFF FROM HQ MELA COLLECTING NUMBER IVY UTX QTY 1

Copy: Q. 469

Lt Col CURTIS, H.A.

Sel 338

R
 22/11/11 2823
 JHM

REC. 962 23 JAN 1947

33A

Subject:- Winter Clothing for TOLMEZZO BN

5 British Liaison Unit
Tele 1555
AQ/76/91

21 Jan 47

Land Forces Sub Comm, AC (MMIA) — 31
CMF

Ref your 469 Q dated 13 Jan 47.

1. The Battalion is not in fact short of clothing, it was a question of quality particularly in so far as socks are concerned.
2. It is unlikely that the War Ministry can do anything to rectify this and it is suggested that the matter be allowed to drop.

FIELD
AHGW/fw

File
Diary

To S	
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Lt. Col.	ADG
GS	ADG
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Adrian
Lt. Col.
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LROF V MBHF NR 8

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FROM 18 VEH PRK

200900

TO HQ MMIA

INFO 38 VEH COY

BT

18/1082 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) REQUEST IMMEDIATE COLLECTION OF FOLLOWING
 VEHICLES DOS/0248 QTY 1 HUMBER HVY UTY DOS/4270 QTY 2 LORRY 3 TON 6 X 4
 GS DOS/4271 LORRY 30 CWT 4 X 4 GS QTY 1 LORRY 3 TON 4 X 2 STORSS QTY 1
 TRUCK 15 CWT 4 X 2 WIRELESS QTY 2 (.) SIGNAL IF NOT REQUIRED (.)

BT

SENT NR 8 AP B K

RD SLIM AT 1110 AR K

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Original of 6th S. Q. Sec. 15

Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LOG

N. 6

DATED

17/1/47

Col. MELONI

14.1.47

Discussed the question of the equipping of "MAGGIORE" Bn with particular ref to GHQ complaints that the Bn was reported to be short of clothing. Gave the gist of letter 459 Q of 13 Jan 47 addressed to 5 BLU and requested whether there had been delay in despatching it, equipment to the Bn. Col. MELONI allowed great surprise at GHQ complaints as the Stato Maggiore had always given priority to the Bn. Col. MELONI stated that it was not long ago that complete brand new sets of clothing had been issued and that urgent attention had always been given to 5 Terr. Coal's demands.

ACME

Q(45)

459 Q

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Telephone:
Rome 489081 Ext 415

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (ASIA) CMB

469 Q —

13 Jan 47

5 B.L.U.

Subject: Tolusso Bn

Reference attached copy of GHO letter 8195/21 of 9 Jan 47 at Appendix 'A'.

1. The position of the Tolusso Bn was discussed with the War Ministry who agreed to give 5 Territorial Command what assistance was necessary.
2. No report has been received by you that 5 Territorial Command has failed to obtain legitimate requirements for this Unit. If such is the case and you notify this HQ of outstanding items action will at once be taken with the War Ministry.
3. As soon as Italian equipment and transport has been received it is desirable to return British stores at present held on loan without delay.
4. Issue of extra P.M. has been approved vide GHO letter 2351/2/41 of 18 Dec 46, copy attached at Appendix 'B'.

RAC/jw

Internal: ST

Q (10)

10 12/1/47

Colonel,
Colonel A/O, INDIA.

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See 32

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SUBJECT: TOLMEZZO Alpini Bn

Tel: PADUA 22273

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

8159/91

9 Jan 47

TO: MILIA

RECEIVED 13 JAN 1947
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1. The TOLMEZZO Alpini Bn which is on security duties in the Western Boundaries of VENEZIA GIULIA is reported to be short of warm clothing, in particular socks and underclothing; many of their posts are located in the mountains and this deficiency is likely to affect the efficiency of troops involved.

2. It is regretted that no assistance can be given from British stocks without detriment to British troops. It is requested therefore that you represent this shortage to the Ministry of War and request that priority is given to this unit which is performing an operational role.

W.D.A. Clare

To See	
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Q (A.S.)	✓
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WDAC/AH

(W.D.A. CLARE), Lieut-Colonel,
for Brig i/c Adm.

Copy to: G(Ops)

See 31 for action taken
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LMOF V HEMS NR 372357 RVR 2

FROM GMA CDE 271715 A

TO ~~SECRET~~ 2 BLU

INFO MILA

BT

300/655(.) UNCLASS (.) REF YOUR 2153 DATED 30 DEC PARA 3 (D) (.)

FIRST (.) NO BATTERIES OR ACCUMULATORS PREVIOUSLY DEMANDED BY YOUR (.)

SECOND (.) PLEASE STATE NUMBER AND TYPE NOW REQUIRED

BT SENT NR 372357 HQ B1 W

SECOND LINE ENDS YOU (.) K

RD NR 372357 AT 2145 HRS AND AT HRS...

5340 report
for SEC

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Tel. Room :
Room 480001 Ext 407

LAND FORCE SUP CORP, AC(MIA) CH

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3 Jan 47

RM
5 RM.

Subject : POL for TOWNSHIP RM.

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Herewith copy of CH letter ref 2554/2/01 dated 18
Dec 46, authority granting monthly issue of amount POL.



It-201,

ACM, RM.

RM/10

Copy to : ST Conversation ABCT/DACED refers.

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SUBJECT: Supplies POL to
TOLMEZZO ALPINE BN
Italian Army

Tel: FADUA 22274

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

2554/2/91

18 Dec 46

TO: ST

1. Authority is granted under AFHQ Signal No. C 67472 dated 11 Dec 46 for the issue monthly of 1,800 gallons of petrol and 54 gallons of oil to the above mentioned Bn. This being the amount required in excess of Italian Army scales to maintain 15 vehicles.
2. 50% of the POL so issued will be replaced by the US Government.
3. The POL will be drawn from
378 Petroleum Platoon UDINE.
4. For G(SD). Your letter No. SD/2146/8 dated 12 Dec 46 refers.

To See	
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Copy to: AFHQ
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G(SD)
378 Petroleum Platoon

F. H. Andrews
(F.H. ANDREWS), Major,
for Colonel 'Q'.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ
TO : CIB CIB
INFO : MOTA

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W.P.

BT C 67472 (✓) SUBJECT IS EQUIPMENT OF TOLEZZO ALPINE BATTALION (.)
YOUR G 343 27th NOV REFERS (.) PARA ONE (.) AS YOU CONSIDER SUBJECT
UNIT IS PERFORMING DUTY IN ALLIED INTEREST THE FURNISHING OF NECESSARY
EQUIPMENT AND POL IN EXCESS OF ITALIAN ARMY SCALES IS APPROVED (.)
PARA TWO (.) EQUIPMENT IS TO CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED ON A REPEAT ABLE
REPLACEMENT BASIS AS NOW BEING DONE (.)
PARA THREE 50% OF POL SO PROVIDED WILL BE REPLACED BY UNITED STATES (.)
G/4. MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS WILL MAKE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE
ARRANGEMENTS

Good - we have now at least

12 Dec 46

SD Distribution
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"Q" Distribution
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MEMO FOR MR. 33 300 4
INFO NO. 5 273915

TO (1) MR. 33
INFO (2) 1 000 000 (3) 100 0 000 100 000 1 100 000
(4) 300 000 (5) 300 000 000 100 000 000

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10/26/29, INCLUDE. 100000 YOUR RELEASE NOTE 2432 DATED 1 NOV.
AVAILABLE VHS FOR DELIVERED BY HAVE NOW BEEN OBTAIN FROM ITALIAN
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ERG 9 V MEXE NR162252 (ONE)
FROM CHG CMF 16 A
TO HQ BTA
INFO 500 AOD : LFSC AC (MMIA) : 5 BLU
BT

03/0123 (.) UNCLASS (.)

FIRST ADDRESSEE FOR DDOS (.) FROM ORD (.)

ISSUE ON LOAN FOURTH ADDRESSEE FOR USE FOLMEZZO ALPINI BN

(A) TELEPHONE SETS F MK 11 (YA 2886) QTY SIX (B) CABLE ELECTRIC

D 3 TWISTED QTY FOUR MILES (C) SWITCHBOARDS UC 10- LINE (YA 2669)

QTY THREE (D) CHARGING SETS PE 250 OR 300 WATT QTY THREE (.)

TREAT AS URGENT AND SIGNAL DISPATCH DETAILS

BT

SENT WITH DB K

RD R 1612252 1730 JFY X

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LROF V NEXS NR162256 QVR3

FROM GHO CMF 15 A

TO HQ BTA

INFO 500 AOD : LFSC AG (MMIA) : 5 BLUE 2

BT

OS/0127 (.) UNCLASS (.)

FIRST ADDRESSEE FOR DDOS (.) FROM ORD (.)

DESPATCHED EARLIEST 5 BLUE (A) TELEPHONE SETS F MK 11 (YA 2836)

QTY TWELVE (B) CABLE ELECTRIC D5 TRISTED QTY TWENTY WILES (C)

WIRELESS SETS NO 19 MK 111 GROUND STATIONS QTY SIX (.) ABOVE WILL

BE HELD ~~ON LMT/ ONL/~~ ON LOAN SURPLUS TO ME OF 5 BLUE FOR USE

TOLMEZZO ALPINI BN (.) URGENT (.) SIGNAL DESPATCH DETAILS .

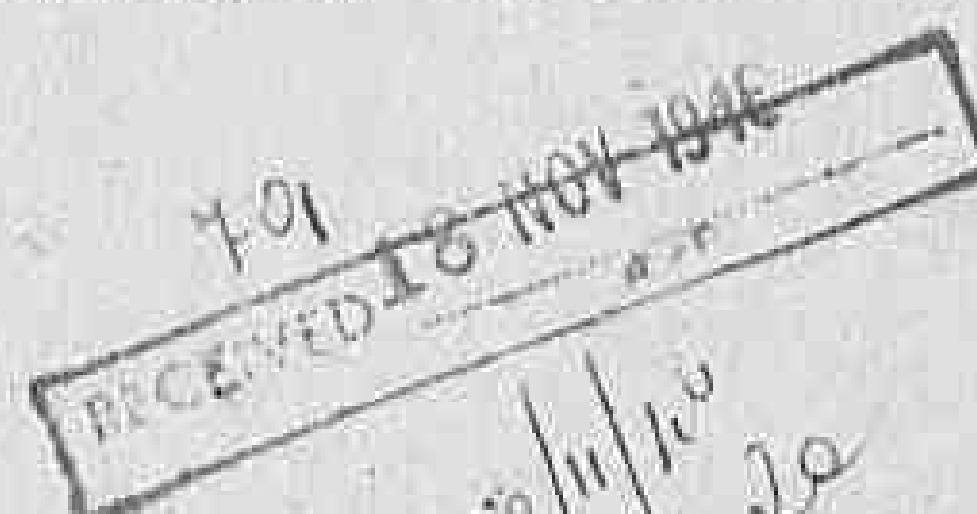
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SENT WITH BB K

RD NR 1612256 1726 JFY K

TO SEE	
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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.

REF: 62198/M/505

TO : Mil. Terr. Command Udine
 M.M.I.A. for info.
 (Ref. Q/002 dated 24/10/46)

DATE: 9/11/46

SUBJECT: "Tolmezzo" Alpine Bn. - Signal equipment.

In forwarding a copy of letter Q/002 dated 24 October 1946 from M.M.I.A. concerning the issue of material to the "Tolmezzo" Bn. of the 8th Alpine Rgt. we would inform you that said issue is as that ordered by this Ministry in letter 61688/M/505, dated 28/10/46.

The officer of the "Tolmezzo" Bn. (requested by the Ministry in letter 62160/M/505 dated 28/10/46) detailed to check and withdraw from 21st Eng. Depot Rome the above material has not yet reported. We ask you to urge his departure if he has not yet left.

Furthermore, you are requested to notify No 53 BLU (as stated in para 3 of enclosed letter from M.M.I.A.) regarding the assignment made in a/m letter No 61688/M/505.

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Sgd. PICONE
 Col.

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SUBJECT :- Equipment for TOBEESSO En5 British Liaison Unit
Per 1552RECEIVED 12 NOV 1946
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Q 112/46

6 Nov 46

Ref your 5112/5/41 dated 22 Oct 46 addressed to Land Forces Sub Commission MIA copy to this unit, and other correspondence on the same subject.

In order to save time any future Ordnance Release Notes appertaining to the TOBEESSO En be issued direct to this unit (with if desired a copy of your covering letter to MIA) rather than to MIA for onward transmission to this unit.

To quote a case in point. Ord Release Note No 8263 dated 25 Oct was received by MIA on 10th Oct, re-directed by them, and received by this unit on 4th Nov.

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Q 469

Copies to: Land Forces Sub Commission MIA (ref your 5002 dated 31 Oct)

TRANSLATION

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FROM: M. of W.

REF: 68430/DM

TO : "Tolmezzo" Alpine Bn HQ
 of the 8th Alpine Rgt
 M.M.I.A. (for information)
 (Ref. letter Q I38 dated 12/10/46)

DATE: 31/10/46

SUBJECT: "Tolmezzo" Alpine Battalion.-

Kindly inform directly OARE of Bologna
 (and this Ministry for information), of the quantity
 and the sizes of the tarpaulins required for the
 vehicles ~~on~~ your charge.

The OARE of Bologna will arrange for a
 speedy consignment of the material and will inform this
 Ministry on completion.-

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Sgd. ROSSI
Gen.

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
 To : 21 Mil. Engr. Establishment
 MMIA (for information)
 (Ref. letter Q.138 dated 12/10/46)

Ref: 61688/M/505

Date: 28/10/46

Subject: Signal equipment for the "Tolmezzo"
 Alpine Battalion. -

We beg you to order the urgent issue of the following signal equipment to the "Tolmezzo" Bn. of the 8th Alpine Regt stationed at Lovania (Udine): -

- 40 (forty) torches hand complete with batteries, and a spare set of batteries and bulbs.
- 12 (twelve) G.A. field telephone-sets complete with batteries and a spare set of batteries.
- 40 (forty) Km. of telephone wire type A.G.
- 6 (six) Radio sets type R F 3 A - complete with batteries and valves and also a spare set of batteries and valves.

Regarding the dispatch of the a/m equipment, direct agreements will be made with the officer of the "Tolmezzo" Bn. who will be sent to you (as stated in signal 62160/M/505 dated 28/10/46 from this General Directorate) to check the material assigned.

Should the batteries for R F 3 A radio-sets be not available at your Establishment, the issue of same to the a/m battalion will be made by the 22nd Mil. Engr Establishment of Pavia, which will be informed by you, by telegraph, of the types and quantities to be issued. -

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Subject : Transport for TOIMEZ20 Bn.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.G.
M.M.I.A.
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Q/202

31 Oct 46

TO : 5 BXU.

Further to Q.002 of 26 Oct 46.

Herewith ORD Release note for qty 1 Car 5 cwt 4 x 4.

Your attention is to drawn paras 2 and 3 of the above quoted letter.

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

EFB/lm

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SUBJECT:- Egpt for Tolmezzo
Alpini Bn

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Tel PADUA 22272

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

9046/Q1

Oct 46

TO:- Grd

Reference G(SD) letter SD/2146/8 dated
22 Oct 46.

Will you please arrange the issue of the
required signal eqpt on loan pending provision by
the Italian War Ministry.

[Signature]
(E.S. ASTOROT) Major,
for Colonel 'Q'.

ESA/RS

Copy to:- MMIA - Please notify this HQ when replacement
items are provided by the Italian War
Ministry.

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G(Ops)

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Q002

SUBJECT :- TOLEMI Pa

5 British Landson B mit
Tel: 1553

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28 Oct 46

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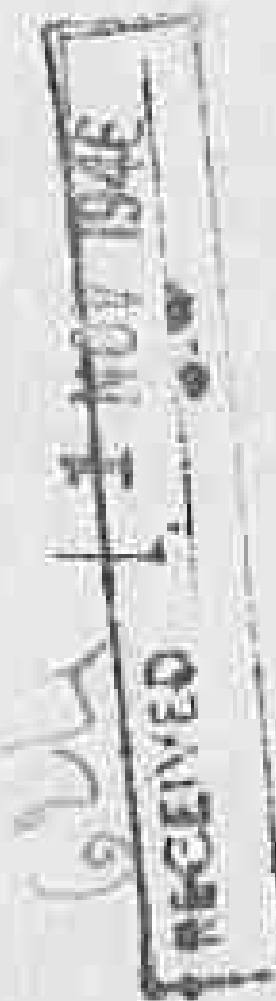
Further to this office letter No. G/106/41 dated 26 Sept 46 and with reference to the visit of Major KITCHEN to your HQ.

1. A more detailed investigation has been made and it is now desired to amend the requests detailed in the a/m letter as follows :-

- (a) Instead of 4 x 3 ton lorries, 4 x 15 cwt trucks are required; owing to the nature of the country 4 wheel drive if available would be advisable. If 4 wheel drive are not available, I am advised that Bedford's would be most suitable for the mountain roads.
I would emphasise that the vehicles are required complete with canopies and tool kits.
- (b) An additional 6 Field Telephones are required making a total of 18 in all.
- (c) An additional 40 miles of cable are required making a total of 60 miles in all.
- (d) 3 x 10 line telephones exchanges.
- (e) 3 x Charging engines for wireless sets.

It has now been arranged that all requests for British Equipment are co-ordinated by and submitted to your HQ through this unit.

It has been impressed on 5 Italian Territorial Command West Egypt drawn from British Depots is on loan only and must be returned as soon as replacements have been provided by the Ministry of War.



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Q. M. Miller

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Lieut-Colonel,
CS.

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A Q 002

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SUBJECT : Vehicles for Tolmezzo Bn.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.O.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.002

26 October 1946

TO : 5 B.L.U.

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SEE 14

Ref this H.Q. Q.002 dated 24 Oct
O.H.Q. 8118/5/41 dated 22 Oct - copy to you.

1. Q release note and Retention Certificate fwd herewith.
Contact Ord GHQ to obtain Ord release note direct.
2. Assist to draw these vehicles if 5 Territorial Command wish
but as War Ministry are making provision it is probable these vehicles
may not be required.

The vehicles should be withdrawn from Tolmezzo as soon as
possible and held in 5 E.V.P. pending disposal instructions from this HQ.

En. They are not to be issued to any unit other than the Tolmezzo

3. Please report when drawn and when no longer required.

Also copy of 32

RAC
R.A. CURTIS, Lt.Col.
for Colonel A/Q
M.M.I.A.

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Internal:Ord.

RAC/ra

See 89

TO : Headquarters, 1st Airborne Division

1st Airborne Division Headquarters A.C.
H.Q. 1st A.D.
H.Q. 1st A.D.
✓.002

24 October 1946

TO : For Ministry (by 10)

Article to this P.O. 0.138 dated 12 Oct 46.

1. G.H.Q. have authorized the temporary issue of the following equipment to the 1st Airborne Div-

- 4 3 ton Lorries
- 1 Jeep
- 12 M telephone
- 20 miles x M cable
- 6 V / T sets.

2. As however the above items will have to be returned in the immediate future and as it is understood you have already arranged for a signal Detachment to join the 1st in order to improve communication it would appear unnecessary for withdrawal to be made from British Depots.

3. You are requested to notify 5 Territorial Command what assistance you are rendering and to instruct them to notify 5 B.I.C. what temporary issues if any you wish arranged from British Depots.

4. 5 B.I.C. are authorized to communicate direct with G.H.Q. to save time and eliminate any unnecessary issue of stores or vehicles.

Copy to:

5 B.I.C. (P 105/41 26 Sep refers)
G.H.Q. for "Q" (P 33/2146/8 22 Oct refers) — 7

Internal:

"Q" (33/109 15 Oct refers)
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Major General,
H.Q. 1st A.D.

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Supply of Italian Troops under Allied Control is subject.

1. MMIA raises question of supply and equipments requirements beyond Italian Army scales needed by Italian Troops on Allied Missions.
2. Example quoteed is need for additional signal equipment and POL by Tolmezzo Battalion on frontier control duty in Udine Area.
3. MMIA consider these excess requirements should be met by Allied Forces.
4. Information needed here is :
 - A. Where have such Troops obtained excess requirements in past.
 - B. What is total excess requirements equipment and supply involved.

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

8118/5/31

62 Oct 46

SUBJECT:- Vehs for Tolmezzo Alpini Bn

TO:- Land Forces Sub Commission MMIA

Q203.
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SEE 11

Reference this HQ letter SD/2146/8 of 18 Oct 46

1. The u/m vehicles are being released to 5 BLU ex 18 Veh Pk CASARSA to be held surplus to WE for use of Tolmezzo Alpini Bn.

Lorries 3 ton 4
5 cwt 4x4 1 (VR/0263 attached)

SEE 20

2. Please notify this HQ when replacements are received from Italian War Ministry so that disposal instructions can be given.

3. Ret Cert No 1495 is attached. Please inform this HQ of WD Nos.

LAG/RS

[Signature]
(I.A. GORDON) Captain,
for Brig i/c Adm.

Copy to:- 5 BLU
G(Ops)
Ord - Please arrange release of Qty 4 Lorries 3 ton ex 18 Veh pk CASARSA to Land Forces Sub Commission MMIA for 5 BLU.

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REC- 25 OCT 1946

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS C.M.F.

RETENTION CERTIFICATE

NO :1495.....

For the holding of 'A' & 'B' vehicles, Stores and Equipment surplus to War Establishment and G.1098.

- Unit .P..P.W..... is authorised to hold the following items surplus to War Establishment and G.1098:

Lorries 3 ton	-	4
CAR 4x4 5cwt	-	1

- Reasons for retention:

On loan to Tolmezzo Alpini Bn pending receipt of replacements from Italian War Ministry.

- This certificate is valid from .25.Oct.46..... to .24.Jan.47....

Application for renewal will be made to GHQ CMF THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS fourteen days prior to expiration of this authority.

NO MORE THAN ONE RENEWAL WILL BE MADE TO THIS CERTIFICATE. UNLESS AN AMENDMENT TO WAR ESTABLISHMENT HAS BEEN MADE, THE SURPLUS HOLDINGS WILL BE WITHDRAWN ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE SECOND CERTIFICATE. ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO GRO 1271/46 (as amended by GRO 85/46).

- Previous retention certificates covering these items are:

No.	Authority	Period	To
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3. This certificate is valid from 25 Oct 46 to 24 Jan 47...

Application for renewal will be made to CHQ CMF THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS fourteen days prior to expiration of this authority.

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(Signed)

I.A. GORDON, Captain,
for Brigadier i/c Adm.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission MMIA
This HQ letter 8118/5/Q1 dated 22 Oct 46 refers.

7MDS/Q420/1311/1M/2-46.

Date 23 Oct 46....

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Tele No : PADUA 22693

Subject : Eqpt for Tolmezzo Alpini Bn

G(3D) Branch,
CHQ, CMF.

SD/2146/8

23 Oct 46

To : 101

Copy to : Land Forces Sub Commission MIA

5 BLU
G(Cps)
Ord

Further to our SD/2146/8 of 18 Oct 46.

1. Please issue the following items of eqpt under the same conditions:-
12 x Pd Telephones
20 x Miles Pd Cable
6 x V/T Sets with range 15 miles.
2. All eqpt issued is to be replaced by the Italian War Ministry as soon as possible.

CPH/JTW

24 OCT 1946
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J.D. ANDERSON,
Colonel, C.S.

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Further to our ST/2146/8 of 18 Oct 46.

1. Please issue the following items of eqpt under the same conditions:-

- 12 x Td Telephones
- 20 x Miles Td Cable
- 6 x W/T Sets with range 15 miles.

2. All eqpt issued is to be replaced by the Italian War Ministry as soon as possible.

Handwritten: 21
Signature: Charles R. B.

J. B. ANDERSON,
Colonel, G.S.

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Handwritten: 35

Stamp: Recd 24 OCT 1946

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G(S), Branch,
C(1), C.P.

TELE NO : ADU. 21693

SUBJECT : Vehs for Tolmezzo Alpini Bn.

SD/2146/8

TO : HQ

18 Oct 46.

COPY TO : Land Forces Sub Commission ITAL
5 BLU
C(Ops)
Ord

1. Please issue the following Vehs to 5 BLU to be held on loan for Tolmezzo Alpini Bn for a limited period.

Trucks, 3 Ton.	4
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2. These vehs to be withdrawn when replacements are received from Italian War Ministry.

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J.D'A. ANDERSON,
Colonel, G.S.

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FROM SHQ CMB

TO MMIA

INFO 5 BLU

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SUBJECT UNCL . YOUR C1272 OF 12 OCT . AGREED LOAN REPLACEMENT VENS
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4. It is reported that the Japanese shipped in 12 hundred in the case of mounting of such units on the boundary of "certain" by lack of equipment.
5. It is reported that in view of the quantity of British war material handed over to the Japanese military supplies direct from British sources is not justified.
6. The immediate military requirements are presented as follows:
- (a) Transport replacement of four 3 ton lorries, issue of 4 jeep, all vehicles to be provided with "weatherproof" housing
- (b) Weapons issue of adequate quantity of all and cleaning material;
- (c) Equipment issue of 40 hand electric torches with spare bulbs and batteries;
- (d) General 12 field telephones
20 miles cable
6 1/2 sets with range of 40 to 15 miles.

It would appear desirable to attach a signal detachment for special duty with this Regt.

It is not known what demand for assistance has been made by territorial command, but it is understood that while clothing and many other necessities the above needs can not be met from territorial resources.

You are requested to take such action as you consider appropriate and to inform this Bureau that has been done to increase the efficiency of the same.

1. It is reported that the volume aimed at is hampered in its role of providing check points on the boundary of America unlike by lack of equipment.

C.I.I. consider that in view of the quantity of British war material landed over to the air military supplies direct from British sources is not justified.

2. The immediate planning requirements are reported as under:

- (a) REPLACEMENT of four 3 ton lorries, issue of 1 Jeep. All vehicles to be provided with weather-proof bodies.
- (b) REPAIRS issue of adequate quantity of oil and cleaning material;
- (c) REPAIRS issue of 40 hand electric tools with spare bulbs and batteries;
- (d) REPAIRS 12 field telephones
20 miles cable
6 1/2 sets with range of approx 15 miles.

It would appear desirable to attach a signal detachment for signal duty with this bn.

3. It is not known what demand for ammunition has been made by 5 Territorial Division, but it is understood that spare clothing and equipment are adequate for above needs can not be met from 5 Territorial Division resources.

You are requested to take such action as you consider appropriate and to inform this H.Q. what has been done to increase the 279 Army of this unit.

RAC

1. Major General,
H.Q. I.A.

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Robertson, James

R. E. OSHING, Ed., CoEd.

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G.H.Q., C.M.F.
2920/01
3 Oct 46

SA CT:- Supply of POL to Italian Army

TO:-

MAIA

1. With reference to GHQ letter 2920/01 dated 10 Jun 46, the supply of POL to the Tolmezzo Alpini Battn still appears to be unsatisfactory, as we were obliged to authorise further issues of POL to CIP at UDINE during the month of August 46.

2. It would be appreciated if this matter could again be brought to the notice of CIP and that all future requirements of POL for this Battalion be assured from the stocks held by CIP at UDINE.

3. It is notified that the following POL issues have been made to CIP at UDINE for the Tolmezzo Alpini Battn during the period March to August 46, and it is requested that arrangements be made to repay these quantities to British stocks by a physical transfer.

Figures in Imp Calls.

	MT Pet.	HD 30	HD 50	GO 90	C 600
March 46.	3000	200	200	200	-
April "	3000	-	200	200	200
May "	3000	-	200	-	-
June "	-	-	-	-	-
July "	-	-	-	-	-
August "	748	30	-	-	8
TOTAL:-	9748	230	600	400	208

4. Please inform GHQ CMF of the arrangements that you are making to effect this transfer.

5. Vouchers supporting these issues are attached for your perusal.

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 W.W.

B.A.E. Fitzgerald
 B.A.E. FITZGERALD, Major,
 for Brig i/o Adm.

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SUBJECT: TOMAZZO Alpini Bn

5 British Liaison Unit
Tel 1147
G 106/44

Main HQ 13 Corps

Copy to Land Forces Sub Commission AC
(Copy of letter under ref. att.)

26 Sep 46.

Reference your letter 5793/G dated 2 Sep 46.

1. As requested by you the situation regarding the equipment of TOMAZZO Alpini Bn has been investigated and the following items are required which are NOT immediately available from Italian resources.

2.

(a) VEHICLES

Four 3 ton lorries are held by coys on duty at the Venezia Giulia Western boundary check posts. These vehicles are in very poor condition and are virtually B.L.R. Replacements in good condition are required complete with canopies and tool kits. The COs Staff Car has recently been evacuated by 5 Vehicle Wap BELLINO and due to non-availability has not yet been replaced by the Ministry of War. In due course a suitable vehicle will probably be released but in the meantime it is desirable that a JKP be allotted. As the CO has frequently to visit his coys and detachments in the mountains e.g. check posts at UCCIA and FLATICHIS his present transport, a 15 cwt, is both uneconomical and unsuitable.

(b) SPARES FOR VEHICLES

At the present time no spare parts, as such, are required. It would be of great assistance however, if the following items could be released:

- (1) 3 x 15 cwt canopies and 1 x 3 ton canopy which are required for the coys on duty at check posts. Their vans are at present deficient.
- (ii) Only two tool-kits are held for the 15 British Vehicles on charge to the Bn. A release is required for 1 Dodge 3 Ton tool-kit and 4 Ford 15 cwt tool-kits.

None of these items are immediately available from 5 Territorial Command.

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(c) RIFLE OIL

Although oil is drawn through the 8 Alpini Regt on a monthly basis for cleaning weapons it is thought that this is a poor substitute for Brit. Rifle Oil. An allocation of correct Brit. Pattern Rifle Oil sufficient for 3 months would be of great assistance.

(d) TORCHES

A release is required for 40 torches, hand pattern complete with batteries and bulbs. A number of torch batteries and bulbs was released by you recently. These are reported to be of the wrong type and will be returned under arrangements this unit. A release of the above number of torches would allow for an issue of two torches to each of the 19 check posts on the Venezia Giulia Boundary and 2 spare.

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(e) SIGNAL EQUIPMENT

The most important deficiency in the Bn is signal equipment. At the present time the 5 Territorial Command is unable to supply any Signal Equipment. This will only be possible when surplus stocks of British Signal Equipment have been handed over to the Italian Army by U.S.A. The following items of Signal Equipment are required to establish communications between the check posts on the Venezia Giulia Border and Bn HQ:-

12 x Field Telephones
20 miles Field Cable

6 x W/T Sets with range approx 15 miles.

These W/T Sets are required for communication between the check posts in the mountainous areas and their Coy HQ. It will be necessary for a course to be arranged by 5 Territorial Signal Company to train the necessary operators.

3. The situation regarding arms and ammunition is considered to be satisfactory. The Bn has been issued with 24 machine carbines surplus to U.S. The deficiency of heavy weapons such as 3" Mortars LMGs to which the Bn is entitled does not handicap the Bn in its duties on the Venezia Giulia Boundary.

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5. Any assistance that you can give towards making good the above mentioned deficiencies would be greatly appreciated.

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Callahan

Major,
U.S.

FIELD
AAB/RW

BUCK SLIP

FILE NO

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SECTION
OR
SERVICE

ACTION REQUIRED

14 Sep

FROM
QTO
AQTobrucco Bar P.O.L. Relevant
correspondence flagged.

See exp. 7X

Recommend action by ST
on (58) before reply to G.H. } 1000.

RAB

14 Oct

AQ

G.

We ought not to go on arguing about this P.O.L. In order to guide me on the responsibilities for it, can G.S. say whether the operational role of the Tobrucco Bar is in the interest primarily of the Italians or the Allied Governments. In other words, who orders this line of posts to be manned.

If it is the Italian Government then presumably they can do what they like about it.

If on the other hand it is 2793
Allied need - the Allies should provide the P.O.L. etc.

W.D.

AQ.

See SD letter copy to Q

See 60

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SUBJECT:- Control of Western Bdy
of VENEZIA GIULIA.

HQ 13 Corps

5790/G

2 Sep 46

Tel extn

5 B.L.U.

It has been reported from various sources that the
TOI MEZZO ALPINI Bn has been seriously handicapped in its role of
checking the Western Bdy of VENEZIA GIULIA by the shortage of essential
equipment, viz :-

1. Vehicles
2. Spares for vehicles
3. Weapons
4. Amn
5. Oil for weapons
6. Torches
7. Telephones
8. Clothing, etc.

Will you please investigate the matter and let this HQ
know as soon as possible what are the essential equipment requirements
which are not available from ITALIAN Army sources.

QMF
T/B

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Brigadier
General Staff.

From :- Ministry of War
To :- MGA

COPY

N 60/2778/32
Dated 21 June 46

Ref your ST/366 of 13 June 46

We forward to you, for information, the signal herewith attached.

Sgt Colonnello Meloni,

From :- Ministry of War
To :- Udine Territorial Command

N 60/2777/32
Dated 12 March 46

Ref your 3660/S/5/4 of 12 March 46

Please, let us know by signal :

1. By which Unit, TOLMEGO Alpini Bn has been supplied with POL in the last four months.
2. The monthly allocation to the a/m Bn.
3. If the amounts allotted have been drawn.
4. The monthly requirements of the Bn on the basis of the actual work.

Sgt Colonnello Meloni.

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SUBJECT: POL for Italian Army

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

2920/Q1

17 Jun 46

TO: Allied Commission
Land Forces Sub Commission (MMLA)

Reference your Q 206 dated 13 Jun 46.

1. The supply of petrol to ITI/ITI units is the responsibility of the ITALIAN Government, irrespective of the fact that they may be serving under op comd of a BRITISH fin HQ and operating BRITISH Army owned vehicles.

2. While it is fair that 13 Corps or a BRITISH HQ or unit nominated by 13 Corps should supply 5 BLU with the requisite information, further direct issues from BRITISH military stocks to the TOLMEZZO Bn should be made only when operational necessity arises which renders the minimum monthly quota inadequate. The failure of the ITALIAN Ministry of War to ensure an adequate quota of POL to permit this unit to carry out its normal role does NOT come into this category.

3. Finally you may care to reiterate to the ITALIAN War Ministry that the provision of POL for twenty one vehicles should NOT present any unsurmountable problem of either supply or distribution.

APR 16

We don't care.

W.D.

TO: HQ	
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W.D.A. CLARE, Lieut-Colonel,
 for Major-General,
 MGA.

ECG/AG

Copy to: Rear 13 Corps

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See 128

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 A Q206

Subject:- Supply of P.C.I. to Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(S. M. I. A.) RMC.

- 0.002.

15 February, 1946.

To:- G.H.Q.
C.M.S.

Reference 13 Corps letter 1001/6/G dated 2 Feb 46
and your 2329/G.1 of 6 Feb.

1. It is apparent that the procedure by which the Italian Army obtain supplies of P.C.I. is not fully understood. C.I.P. is primarily a commercial undertaking, which distributes P.C.I. to the retailers, handling both civilian and military stocks.
2. The monthly requirements of the Army are the subject of a bid by the War Ministry through M.S.I.A. to the Combined Petroleum Committee. These bids are screened at this H.Q. and reduced to the minimum considered essential. Even so, they are frequently out to conform to available stocks. For this reason supplementary bids are difficult to negotiate with any prospect of success.
3. It is appreciated that in the case under dispute, the T.10000 Alpine Bn. is operating in the interests of the Italian Government. They are, however, acting under Allied operational orders and have been loaned British vehicles for this purpose. Instructions are being issued to the War Ministry to include their requirements in future bids, but it may not be possible to arrange delivery by the 28 Feb 46.
4. It is therefore requested that Allied assistance may continue if essential. If repayment is to be insisted upon, it is recommended that this shall take the form of debiting the Italian Government with the value of P.C.I. delivered, rather than the replacement in kind. The latter alternative would necessitate a supplementary bid by the War Ministry, which, as stated above, would be difficult to negotiate.

RAC
S. J. CURTIS Lt. Col.
For Major General,
S. M. I. A.

Copy to:- H.Q. 13 Corps (N. & W.)
5 R.I.P. Units.

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Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M.M.I.A.,
R O M E
Q.206

13 June 1946

TO : G.H.Q.

Ref your 2920/Q1 dated 10 June 1946.

1. The failure of C.I.P. to maintain a reliable distribution of P.O.L. to Army units is realised and is the subject of correspondence between the Chief Commissioner A.C. and A.P.F.Q. and also the Italian Government.

2. In the case of the Tolmezzo Bn it is again pointed out that this unit is under the operational control of 15 Corps and is using British vehicles.

In so far as the Tolmezzo Bn operates directly on behalf of the British Military Authorities it is considered a proportion of the P.O.L. consumed by this unit should not be a charge against the Italian Government.

3. The War Ministry have again been "advised" to take action which will result in an adequate quota of P.O.L. being made available to 5 Territorial Command. It is requested that 15 Corps be required

- (a) notify 5 BLU the minimum monthly quota considered essential
- (b) issue direct such P.O.L. as is considered operationally essential.

According to your 2920/Q1 of 18 Feb. 1946 such issues are to be treated as issues to C.I.P. and recorded accordingly.

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G.H.Q.

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Copy to : 5 BLU (A/C/46/13 5 Jun 46 refers)
Rear 13 Corps (1001/6/2 4 Jun 46 refers)

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Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Subject: Supply of POL to Italian Army

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

2920/Q1.

10 Jun 46.

MMIA.

Reference this GHQ letters 2920/Q1 dated 6 Feb 46 and 18 Feb 46.

1. It has been reported that the supply of POL from civilian stocks through CIP for the TOIMEZZO Alpine Bn has not been satisfactory, as CIP has continually failed to have POL available for issue to this unit.

2. In order to keep the unit fit for its role, XIII Corps has had to issue the following quantities of petrol with corresponding quantities of lubricants, from 234 Petrol Depot to CIP UDINE.

Mar	3,000 galls
Apr	3,000 "
May	3,000 "

3. Not only do these issues cause considerable accounting difficulties, but are also in contravention of the policy laid down in this GHQ above quoted letter of 6 Feb 46.

4. You are therefore requested to take immediate steps to ensure that the POL requirements of the TOIMEZZO Alpine Bn are made available through CIP and that in future CIP do not have to be supplied from British Military stocks in order to meet these requirements.

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Copy to: Rear XIII Corps.
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J. COLE, Capt.,
for Major General,
MGA.

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SUBJECT:- Supply of POL to Italian Army.

G.H.Q., G.P.F.

2920/41

6 Feb 46

M.H.I.A.

(47) Q206 1st J.

Reference 13 Corps letter 1001/6/Q dated 2 Feb 46.

1. This commitment should be borne by CIP and not from British military stocks. Please, therefore, arrange for an additional allocation of POL to be made to the TOLMEZZO Alpine Bn by CIP as soon as possible.
2. As there are only 21 vehicles involved it is felt that this should not cause any undue embarrassment to CIP.

J.H.D. STREE, Major,
for Major General,
MCA.

JHDS/PR

Copy to: Rear HQ 13 Corps.

(Who are requested to confirm that arrangements, as instructed above, are in force by 26 Feb).

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SUBJ: - Supply of POL to
Polmezzo Alpini Bn.

5 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 1774.

MA/46/13

5 Jun 46

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R U M E

Q.

1.- Although the Polmezzo Alpini Bn is operationally under the Command of 13 Corps, CIP is responsible for its supply of POL; during the last few months, CIP have been very spasmodic in providing the Polmezzo Alpini Bn with its monthly allocation (see attached copy of a letter from Rear 13 Corps on same subject).

2.- At the beginning of this month, 5 B.L.U. borrowed from 1 AGRA 750 gallons of petrol and 50 gallons of oil which were to be repaid by the 7th of June; to day (5th of June) this HQ has been informed that the Polmezzo Alpini Bn cannot repay its debt as CIP have not yet received their supply, moreover they will be asking for a further loan.

3.- This is putting us in a very difficult position with 1 AGRA and 13 Corps which in the future will be very careful before lending anything to 5 Territorial Command, could CIP or the Ministry of War be instructed that the necessary supplies are delivered on time?

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Major.
DAA & WIG.

Copy to:- H.Q. 1 AGRA

Rear 13 Corps

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S. CMBT:- Supply of POL
to Italian Army.

Rear HQ 13 Corps
Tele No: 29038
1001/8/4

4 Jun 46

GIR, CMBT

Copy to:- 1 AGRA
6 BLU
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Reference your 2920/41 of 18 Feb 46.

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TOINENZO Alpini Bn has not yet proved satisfactory. CIP
has continually failed to have POL available for issue to
this unit and in order to keep it fit for its role the
following petrol issues have had to be made from 254 Pet
Depot to CIP UDINE:-

Mar	3000 galls
Apr	3000 galls
May	3000 galls

with corresponding quantities of lubs.

2. As the continuance of this practice naturally
causes considerable accounting difficulties besides being
in contravention of the policy contained in your 2920/41
of 6 Feb 46, may MMIA please be instructed to arrange the
necessary supplies through CIP.

Lt. Gen.
Comd.

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