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MT. POLICY

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SIGNAL

DATE TIME

FROM: MMIA

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TO (FOR ACTION): LO SARDINIA

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FOR HOWARD (.) YOUR DO/1/22 FEB (.) ADEQUATE CAR WILL BE PROVIDED ON RETURN
TO MAINTAIN

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

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Subject: Italian Army Tires

Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/5

24 Feb 45.

AFHQ Petroleum Section
Rome Area Allied Command

1. Reference PET 80/E/9 of 8 Feb 45.
2. It is not quite clear why C.I.P. should state that surplus tires and tubes exist in the ITALIAN Army and it is requested that you indicate the source of the report in order that it can be further investigated.
3. Thirty tires and tubes, size 32 x 6 can be made available. In view of the special position of C.I.P., it is suggested that you approach AFHQ for Q/AE and QM (US) approval for this release to be made of Italian Army property for civil use.

FJH/wk

Copy to: AFHQ Q/AE
AFHQ QM (US)
ST, NMIA

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

See folder 319

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Subject: Italian Army Motor Vehicles

File
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Land Forces
Sub Commission, HQ (VIA)

None

AM/5

February 1945

To : AFHQ for General Hrabish
for 2-3 (200)
for 2-4 (4)
for 2 (25)

1. The Italian War Ministry continues to report that a large number of Italian Army motor vehicles are in the hands of Italian civilians throughout Italy and that when an attempt is made by the War Ministry to recover its property, various Allied officers inform the civilians who have the vehicles not to turn the vehicles over to the Italian Government, and in some cases actively direct Italian officers and police not to obey the orders of the Italian Government.

2. In addition to the vehicles in Florence and Rome, which have been mentioned in previous correspondence, there are 36 vehicles in Naples in the possession of Emilio Adamo, some 50 vehicles in Perugia, and odd numbers in Ancona, Pescara, etc.

3. In view of the present AFHQ instructions regarding the recovery of Italian Army property, with which the Italian Government are thoroughly familiar, it appears that the Italian Government has the authority to forcibly recover its property from Italian civilians regardless of any deals, sales, contracts or other objections of various Allied officers. Certainly Italian civilians in possession of Italian state property are liable to the penalties of Italian law.

4. The Italian War Ministry has requested that they be allowed to forcibly seize all of their property which is in the hands of civilians or civilian firms in violation of the present AFHQ instructions. Is there any objection to the Italian War Ministry proceeding with the seizure of their property in liberated Italy?

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Glenn C. Egan, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, HQ (VIA)

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cc: Col Libby

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MESSAGE FORM.

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN.

14 1540 A

FROM : MMIA
TO : MMIA LO SARDINIA
Ref No : SD 2289

Security
Classification SECRET

FOR SIMONS (*) AMIR HAS DIRECTED THAT ALL REPAIRABLE ITALIAN TANKS
IN SARDINIA ARE TO BE REPAIRED AND SHIPPED TO THE MAINLAND (*) ARRANGE
FOR ITALIAN MILITARY TO RELEASE TO HAIL WORKSHOPS ALL ITALIAN TANKS THAT
ARE CONSIDERED REPAIRABLE (*) SEE SIGNAL OF HAIL TO MARTINAGGI FOR
FURTHER DETAILS (*) HAIL UPON HIS RETURN TO SARDINIA WILL HAVE FULL DETAILS

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Precedence

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SIGNAL

FROM: MEMIA

DATE TIME

TO (FOR ACTION) FREEDOM

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REFER F22957 CITE FREGD AND AG 686/069 COT/O OF 30 JAN (.) ANSWER IS
 NEGATIVE (.) ALL REPAIRED AND UNALLOTTED ITALIAN ARMY TPT HAS BEEN MOVED
 FROM SARDINIA TO MAINLAND (.) OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS FOR WHICH VESHS HAVE
 NOT YET NOT YET BEEN REPAIRED ARE TWELVE OVER FLYING COLLECT ORA SIXTY OUT
 OF HUNDRED TO BE HANDLED TO AG FOR CIVIL MAINTENANCE AND DOCK OPERATIONS
 ORA THIRTY TO OPERATE CALL UP ORA REPAIR OF ALL ARMED VESHS FOR USE NORTHERN
 ITALY (.) VESHS AVAILABLE FOR REPAIR NOW ARE IN POOR CONDITION AND TAKING
 LONGER TO REPAIR (.) SIBBARD'S REPORTS ITALIAN AIR FORCE HAVE SIXTY GOOD
 LOAD CARRIERS IN BETTER CONDITION THAN ANY ITALIAN ARMY TPT ON SARDINIA
 AND WHICH ARE NOT BEING USED ON THE JOB (.) NEW SUBJECT (.) ITALIAN
 ARMY HUTS ARE FROZEN IN SARDINIA AS INSTRUCTED BUT ITALIAN AIR FORCE
 ARE STILL SHIPPING HUTS FROM SARDINIA TO MAINLAND

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

F. J. N. O'Connell

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TABLE OF AUTHORIZED ASSIGNMENTS OF ITALIAN VEHICLES TO FBI-FBI NON-ME UNIT

			Motor cycl
3 Mine Clearing Coys	Costa Pascara	208 All ranks each company	2 2 2
5 Mine Training Squads	-	6 All ranks each Squad	-
5 Regional Guard Bde	5 Army PBS (2 District)	40 All Ranks each Bde	2 2 2
22 Guard Battalions	Various	600 All ranks each Bn.	110
3 Internal Security Division	2 Sicily 1 Sardinia	5000 All ranks each Division	49 48 45
Italian Army Intelligence (SIM)	Various	1500 Ceiling	To
Carabinieri Reali (Territorial Organisations)	-	-	To

VEHICLES TO THE-III NON-MT UNITSAPPENDIX II.

	Motor cycles	Staff Load Cars carriers	
208 All ranks each company	2 2 2	- - -	5 5 5
6 All ranks each Squad	-	-	5
10 All Ranks each Bn	2 2 2	3 3 3	5 5 5
800 All ranks each Bn.	110	22	110
5000 All ranks each Division	19 19 19	12 12 12	73 73 73
1500 Ceiling	To be notified subsequently		
-	To be notified subsequently.		

Those vehicles from Sardinia availability.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLESisots1. December Census

Ordnat Category	: State of : vehicles	: Motorcycles	: Staff Cars	: Loadcarriers
ITI - ITI Units	: Efficient :	418	314	984
	: Inefficient:			
	: Repairable :	401	198	591
US-ITI/AR-ITI Units	: Efficient :	159	57	373
	: Inefficient:			
	: Repairable :	156	35	199
BANTOVA DIVISION	: Efficient :	18	14	152
	: Inefficient:			
	: Repairable :	13	4	25

All above figures exclude OO.RR.

2. Shipped from Sardinia (substantially excluded from December Census)

Reconnaissance to Brighton	<u>Motorcycles</u>	<u>Loadcarriers (excluding tractors)</u>
	222	473

3. Still in possession of Legnano & Folgore Divisions

Estimated	<u>Motorcycles</u>	<u>Staff Cars</u>	<u>Loadcarriers</u>
	200	20	175

4. Total Availability (Efficient only)

	<u>Motorcycles</u>	<u>Staff Cars</u>	<u>Loadcarriers</u>
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All above figures exclude CC.R.

2. Shipped from Sardinia (substantially excluded from December Census)

Bombardier to Brighton	<u>Motorcycles</u>	<u>Loadcarriers</u> (excluding Tractors)
	222	473

3. Still in possession of Legnano & Folgore Divisions

Estimated	<u>Motorcycles</u>	<u>Staff Cars</u>	<u>Loadcarriers</u>
	200	20	175

4. Total Availability (Efficient only)

December Census less US-ITL/IR-ITL	<u>Motorcycles</u>	<u>Staff Cars</u>	<u>Loadcarriers</u>
	436	328	1136
Shipped from Sardinia	222	-	473
Legnano & Folgore estimated	200	20	175
TOTAL	858	348	1784

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5. Commitments

Proposed for Authorization

ITL-ITL MF Units

<u>Motorcycles</u>	<u>Staff Cars</u>	<u>Loadcarriers</u>
265	216	1086 - 131

Reserve for other ITL-ITL

Units: Other ITL-ITL serv. troops 200

3 Internal Security Divisions 147

22 Guard Battalions 110

ITAL Programme 28

TOTAL 703

6. Available for Boosting

US-ITL & IR-ITL Units

<u>Motorcycles</u>	<u>Staff Cars</u>	<u>Loadcarriers</u>
150	20	151

By deducting commitments from
present efficient availabilities

PLUS BULK OF FUTURE WORKSHOPS OUTPUT

20 Jan 45
CCF/jc

Required
Ration
Clothing
Equipment
Ammunition
Veterinary
(Accountable)
Wealth

Statistical Estimate of Italian Army Vehicle Situation

A. Estimated Availability (Mainland)

- : Efficient Vehicles Only
- : Omitting CC. RA.
- : Comprising Motorcycles, Staff Cars, 'normal' Load carriers only

	<u>Motorcycles</u>	<u>Staff Cars</u>	<u>Load carriers</u>
December Census less US-IMI and BR-IMI	436	528	1136
Shipped from Sardinia	222	-	473
Legnano/Polgore estimated	200	20	175
Total Available	858	548	1784

B. Proposed Allotments

Authorisations proposed for IMI-IMI
MI Units as Schedule herewith (not
including vehicles allotted ex
Sardinia availability)

Authorisations proposed for IMI-IMI
Non-MI Units as Schedule herewith
(not including vehicles ~~ex~~ allotted
ex Sardinia availability)

Total Allotments Proposed

C. Balance Apparently Available

424 109 599

Plus future nett repairs production both on Sardinia and mainland.

Authorizations proposed for MTL-ITL
MT Units as Schedule herewith (not
including vehicles allotted ex
Sardinia availability)

220 184 894

Authorizations proposed for MTL-ITL
Non-MT Units as Schedule herewith
(not including vehicles ~~MT~~ allotted
ex Sardinia availability)

214 55 291
434 239 1185

Total Allotments Proposed

C. Balance Apparently Available 424 109 599

Plus future matt repairs production both on Sardinia and mainland.

Total MT Personnel absorbed by proposals in schedule herewith
3435 all ranks

4698

31 Jan 45.
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PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT FOR ILL-III MT UNITS AND VEHICLE HOLDINGS BY ILL-IIII. ILL-III MT UNITS

NAME OF UNIT	LOCATION	AUTHORISED		Motor-cycles
		PROPOSED STRENGTH	PERSONNEL (Military All Ranks)	
Automobile Section Services Office SSSR (Sezione Automobilismo Ufficio Servizi SSSR)	Rome ✓	(Not held against MT Services Ration ceiling)	✓	141 ✓
MT Repairs and Recovery Directorate War Ministry (Direzione Riparazioni e Recupero Automezzi) ✓	Rome ✓	56	✓	141 ✓
War Ministry Administrative Transport Company. (Compagnia Trasporti Amministrativi Ministero Guerra)	Rome ✓	230	✓	66
		(Not stated)		(66)
Central ILL-III Driving School (Scuola Guida ILL-III Centrale)	Rome ✓	24	✓	2
Central MT Spares Depot (Magazzino Centrale Parte di Ricambio)	Rome ✓	20	✓	1
Central Repairs and Recovery Unit (Reparto Centrale Riparazioni e Recupero) ✓	Total 167 ✓	200	✓	5 (for

VEHICLES AND VEHICLE HOLDINGS BY ITL-TFI NON-ME UNITS

PROPOSED PERSONNEL STRENGTH (Military All Regions)		AUTHORIZED PROPOSED VEHICLE STRENGTH			OBSERVATIONS
		Motor- cycles	Staff Cars	Load- Carriers	
to hold against Services Ration ceiling)	✓	Nil on assignment			Central authority for vehicle allocations and transport operating. Control of vehicle assignments and transport operation
36	✓	Nil on assignment			A report inappropriately named Motorisation Directorate Control of repairs and recovery organisation, not MT stores, MT personnel etc.
230	✓	66	99	33	To be developed from and located in premises of existing Autodirigibile Ministero Guerra. To include all branches of War Ministry, Royal House- holds etc. (Not including IALA/SIA ⁱⁿ which see Section II)
(Not stated)		(60)	113	93	(War Ministry proposals see attachment 'A')
54	✓	2	1	24	Already formed
20	✓	1	-	1	^{organised} To be located in Via Guido Boni not to be constituted as an independent unit.
200	✓	5 (for organic	2 assignment)	15	In process of formation.

First Mobile Workshops (Primo Parco Mobile) ✓	to be mobile: at present in Sardinia ✓	450	✓	6	
No 1 Special Transport Company (1 ^o Compagnia Trasporti Speciali) ✓	To be funded and located until further notice in Rome	165 150	✓	10	
No 1 Repairs and Recovery Unit (1 ^o Reparto Riparazioni e Ripareri) ✓	ditto ✓	250	✓	5 (for	
No 1 Vehicle Staging Park ✓ (1 ^o Parco di Sosta)	ditto ✓	30	✓	3 (for	
Automobile Directorate Comando Roma ✓	Rome ✓	6	✓	181	
Territorial HQ Rome Administrative Transport Company ✓ (Compagnia Trasporti Amministrativi Comando Territoriale di Roma) ✓	Rome ✓	125 165	✓	15 28	

4696

(not stated)

(20)

Let in a	✓	450	✓	6	3	131	In process of formation. <i>Sardinia</i> Vehicles from Sardinia availability.
ed d her fame		165 150	✓	10	5	110 99	To be formed from present Autogroup SMR and to be located in Caserma Macao.
	✓	250	✓	5 (for organic assign- ment)	2	15	To be formed by reorganisation of 8 Centro Riparazioni.
	✓	30	✓	3 (for organic assign- ment)	1	2	Nucleus in existence as detachment of existing Autogroup SMR located in Caserma Arione. To be regularised as separate unit.
	✓	6	✓	181 on assignment			
		120		15	10	66	To be formed by reorganisation of Autogruppo Comando Lario.
	✓	165		28	16	85	Including Sardinia, Comando Roma is at present responsible for the administration of:-
							1 Territorial HQ 1 District Type I 3 Districts Type III 12 Districts Type IV 20 Depots (Regimental) 11 Hospitals 4 Hygiene Platoons 14 Other Medical & Veterinary Units 9 Artillery Units 6 Nations Units 1 Clothing and Equipment Depot 4 Engineer or Signals Units 2 Movement Control Units
		(not stated)	✓	(23	16	85)	(War Ministry proposals see attachment B)

✓
Military Nucleus Sardinia Adminis-
trative Transport Company
(Compagnia Trasporti Amministrativi
Nucleo Militare Sardegna)

Cagliari ✓

145
~~120~~

✓

23

10

✓
Military Nucleus Sardinia Repairs
and Recovery Unit
(Reparto Riparazioni e Ricupero
Nucleo Militare Sardegna)

Cagliari &
Abbasanta

50

✓

2

✓
No 2 Special Transport Company
(2° Compagnia Trasporti Speciali)

To be formed
and located
until further
notice in
Naples ✓165
~~150~~

✓

10

✓
No 2 Repairs and Recovery Unit
(2° Reparto Riparazioni e Ricupero)

ditto ✓

250

✓

5
(for orga)

✓
No 2 Vehicle Staging Park
(2° Parco di Sosta)

ditto ✓

30

✓

3
(for orga)

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by MMIA NO Sardinia in accordance
with MMIA NO Letter AA/5 of 12 Nov 44



Now being formed

Present dispositions appear to envisage the following permanent installations in Sardinia:-

- 1 District Type II)
- 1 District Type III)
- 1 District Type IV)
- 2 Hospitals
- 1 Hygiene Platoon
- 5 Other Medical & Veterinary Units
- (6 Nations Units)
- 4 Clothing and Stores Units
- 1 Movement Control Unit

Now being formed by DADME MMIA
in collaboration with MMIA NO Sardinia

as will be instructed by

To be formed with ~~ex-Sardinia~~ vehicles ~~and/or~~
Crepania surplus vehicles and located in the
school at Torre Annunziata.

to be located probably

To be formed by reorganisation of 10 Antieri.

To be formed by overhaul of existing
Fuorigrotta Parks and constitution as a
separate unit.

145
120 ✓ 23 10 79

50 ✓ 2 1 7

165
150 ✓ 10 5 110

250 ✓ 5 2 15
(for organic assign-
ment)

30 ✓ 3 1 2
(for organic assign-
ment)

✓
Automobile Directorate Comando
Napoli
✓
(Direzione Automobilistica
Comando Napoli)

Naples

6

Nil on assign-
ment

✓
Territorial HQ Naples
Administrative Transport Company
(Compagnia Trasporti Amministrativi
Comando Territoriale di Napoli)

Naples

220

~~165~~

51 24

~~22 15~~

(Not stated) ✓

51 24

✓
No 3 Special Transport Company
(3^o Compagnia Trasporti Speciali)

✓
To be formed
and located
until further
notice in Bari

165
~~150~~

10 5

✓
No 3 Repairs and Recovery Unit
(3^o Reparto Riparazioni e
Recuperi)

ditto

250

✓
5 2
(for organiza-
ment)

✓
No 3 Vehicle Staging Park
(3^o Parco di Sosta)

ditto

30

✓
3 1
(for organiza-
ment)

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6

Mil on assign-
ment

Will be responsible for
transport services over
complete territory of
Comando Traslunale Napoli
i.e. to include Calabria.

51 24 113
22 15 99

To be formed by reorganization of existing
Autoreparto Autonomo Comando Campania. ←

~~Including Calabria, Comando Napoli is projected
as responsible for the administration of-~~

- 1 Territorial Hq
- 2 Districts Type II
- 6 Districts Type III
- 2 Districts Type IV
- 14 Depots (Regimental)
- 10 Hospitals
- 4 Hygiene Platoons
- 12 Other Medical & Veterinary Units
- 11 Artillery Units
- 19 Rations Units
- 14 Clothing Etc. Units
- 4 Engineer or Signals Units
- ~~2 Movement Control Units~~

not started)

51 24 113)

(Per Ministry proposal see attachment '9')

10 5 110

To be formed from Comando Puglia surplus vehicles.
Location to be notified.

250

5 2 15
(for organic assign-
ment)

To be formed by reorganization of 9 Antierl.

30

3 1 2
(for organic
assignment)

To be separately constituted and regularised.

Autosobile Directorate ✓
Comando Bari
(Direzione Automobilistica
Comando Bari)

Bari

6

Nil on Assi-
ment

Territorial Hq Bari ✓
Administrative Transport Company
(Compagnia Trasporti Amministrativi
Comando Territoriale di Bari)

Bari

~~120~~~~15~~ 10

140

34

~~(Not stated)~~

✓

~~(3)~~ 16

No 4 Special Transport Company ✓
(4^o Compagnia Trasporti Speciali)

✓ Catanzaro

165
~~150~~

✓

10

5

No 4 Repairs and Recover Unit ✓
(4^o Reparto Riparazioni e Recupero)

✓ Catanzaro

150

✓

3 2
(for organi-
za-)

No 4 Vehicle Staging Park ✓
(4^o Parco di Sosta)

✓ Catanzaro

20

✓

2 1
(for organi-
za-)

4693

Will on Assign-
ment

15 10 66

34 16 61

To be formed from and located in premises
of Autodrupello Canale Puglia and/or
147 Autoparto.

~~Canale Port is at present responsible for
the administration of:-~~

- 1 Territorial III
- 1 District Type II
- 5 Districts Type III
- 10 Depots (Regimental)
- 11 Hospitals
- 3 Hygiene Platoons
- 9 Other Medical and Veterinary Units
- 6 Artillery Units
- 18 Rations Units
- 12 Clothing and Equipment Units
- 3 Engineers or Signals Units
- ~~1 Movement Control Unit~~

stated) ✓ (3) 16 61) (War Ministry proposal see attachment D)

65
50 ✓ 10 5 110
99

To be formed from Autodrupello Canale
Calabria, 179 Autoparto, 294 Autopar
(and to include Timber haulage vehicles).

50 ✓ 3 2 10
(for organic assign-
ment)

To be formed from 66 Autogruppo Misto
and 31 Autoparco.

20 ✓ 2 1 1
(for organic assign-
ment)

To be regularised and located in the
Stadium Catanzaro.

~~Autosobile Directorate~~
~~Comando Palermo~~

~~Palermo~~ ✓

6

✓

~~Nil on assi-~~
~~ment~~

Territorial HQ Palermo ✓
Mixed MF Company
(Autoreparto Misto Comando
Territoriale di Palermo)

Palermo ✓

110

✓

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5

Autosobile Directorate Territorial
HQ Florence
(Direzione Automobilistica Comando
Territoriale di Firenze)

Florence ✓

6

✓

~~Nil on assi-~~
~~ment~~

Territorial HQ Florence ✓
Administrative Transport Company
(Compagnia Trasporti
Administrative Comando Territoriale
di Firenze)

Florence ✓

120

~~15~~

~~10~~

28

10

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~~(Not stated)~~

✓

~~(28)~~

~~10~~

-6-

✓ ~~Nil on assign-~~
ment

✓ 10 5 66

Small

To operate as Comando Sicilia transport and include ~~one~~ repairs section.

~~Comando Palermo is at present responsible for the administration of:-~~

- ~~1 Territorial HQ~~
- ~~3 Districts Type II }~~
- ~~3 Districts Type III }~~
- ~~3 Districts Type IV }~~
- ~~3 Depots (Regimental)~~
- ~~3 Hospitals~~
- ~~2 Hygiene Platoons~~
- ~~6 Other Medical and Veterinary Units~~
- ~~4 Battalion Units~~
- ~~4 Clothing Etc. Units~~
- ~~4 Movement Control Unit.~~

✓ ~~Nil on assign-~~
ment.~~15 10 66~~~~28 10 56~~

To be formed by reorganisation ^{of} Delegations ⁱⁿ vehicles etc.

~~Comando Firenze will be responsible for the administration of:-~~

- ~~1 Territorial HQ~~
- ~~1 District Type II }~~
- ~~3 Districts Type III }~~
- ~~2 Districts Type IV }~~
- ~~2 Depots (Regimental)~~
- ~~3 Hospitals~~
- ~~3 Hygiene Platoons~~
- ~~15 Other Medical and Veterinary Units~~
- ~~4 Artillery Unit~~

not stated)

✓ (28 10 56)

(~~War Ministry proposals see attachment~~ ^{Page 2})

TABLE OF AUTHORIZED ASSIGNMENTS OF ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES TO
~~THE FOLLOWING NON-MOUNTAIN UNITS~~ / ITALY NON-MT UNITS

3 Mine Clearing Coys	Genoa Pescara -	208 all ranks each company	2 2 2	- - -	
5 Mine Training Squads	-	6 All ranks each Squad	-	-	
5 Regimental Guard Hqs	5 Army PIS (2 District)	40 All Ranks each HQ	2 2 2	3 3 3	
22 Guard Battalions	Various	800 All ranks each Bn.	110	22	110
Italian Army Intelligence (SIM)	Various	1500 Coding			To be worked
3 Internal Security Divisions	2 Sicily 1 Sardinia ↓	5000 All ranks each Division	49 49 49	12 12 12	7 7 7

Carabinieri Reali
 (Territorial Organisations)

1691

To be worked

APPENDIX II

TO
ARMY UNITS

All ranks	2	-	5
each company	2	-	5
	2	-	5

All ranks	-	-	5
each Squad			

40	2	3	5
All Ranks	2	3	5
each HQ	2	3	5

800 All ranks	110	22	110
each Bn.			

1500
Ceiling

To be notified subsequently

5000			
All ranks	49	12	73
each Division	49	12	73
	49	12	73

These vehicles from Sardinia available

To be notified subsequently



AUTOGRUPO MISTO

(per esigenze relative al funzionamento - trasporti ufficiali - esigenze mensili delle Case Militari ed Enti di cui appresso):

Casa Militare di S.M. il RE.

autovetture	10
autocarri	4
motocicli	8

Casa Militare di S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno

autovetture	12
autocarri	4
motocicli	8

Ministero Guerra

autovettura	45
autocarri	48
autobus	10
autocamionette	2
motocicli	24
motocarrozzette	10

Stato Maggiore Generale

autocarri	3
autovetture	16
motocicli	8

in detti mesi non sono compresi quelli assegnati al S.I.M.

Stato Maggiore R.E.

autovetture	30
autocarri	24 (di cui 3 autobus)
motocicli	10

Totale

autocarri
autovetture
motocicli

5)
16)
8)

In detti mezzi non sono compresi
quelli assegnati al S.I.M.

Stato Maggiore R.E.

autovetture
autocarri
motocicli

50
24 (di cui 8 autobus)
10

Totale

autovetture
autocarri
autobus
autobulense
motocicli
motocarrozze

113
88
10
2
58
10

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COMANDO TERRITORIALE DI ROMA

4. Stato Generale (funzionamento del Comando - trasporto ufficiali - mensa ufficiali ecc.)

autocarri 24
autoveicoli 16
motocicli 10
motocarrozzone 4

Comando Artiglieria

autocarri 12
motocicli 4

Comando Genio

autocarri 8
motocicli 2

Direzione di Sanità e Ufficio Ippico e Veterinario

autocarri 12
autoveicoli 4
motocicli 2

Direzione di Commissariato

autocarri 16 (compresi quelli necessari per la sezione
riparazione calzature e vestiario)
motocicli 4

Distretti

autocarri 14

Depositi

autocarri 5

Nucleo CC.RR.

Direzione di Commissariato

16 (compresi quelli necessari per la sezione
riparazione calzature e vestiario)

autocarri	4
motocicli	14
<u>Pisturetti</u>	5
autocarri	2
<u>Denegiti</u>	2
autocarri	
<u>Nucleo CC. RR.</u>	
autocarri	
motocicli	
<u>Totale</u>	85
autocarri	16
autovetture	24
motocicli	4
motocarrozzette	12
autocamionasse	

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COMANDO TERRITORIALE DI NAPOLI

Quartier Generale (funzionamento del Comando - trasporto ufficiali -
- mensa ufficiali ecc.)

autovetture 24
autocarri 48
motocicli 20
motocarrozze 4

Comando Artiglieria

autocarri 24
motocicli 8
motocarrozze 4

Comando Genio

autocarri 12
motocicli 4

Direzione di Sanità e Ufficio Ispico e Veterinario

autovetture 24
autocarri 8

Direzione di Commissariato

autocarri 24 (compresi quelli necessari per la sezione riparazioni calzature e vestiario)

motocicli 8
motocarrozze 4

Distretti

autocarri 7

Depositi

autocarri 6

Uffici CC. RR.

autocarri

Direzione di Complesso

24. (compresi quelli necessari per la sezione riparazione calzature e vestiario)

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motocicli
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7

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autocarri

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Nucleo CC.RR.

autocarri

4

motocarrozzette

1

Totale

autocarri

113

autovetture

24

motocicli

40

motocarrozzette

11

autocarrozzette

24

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COMANDO TERRITORIALE DI BARI

Quartier Generale (funzionamento del Comando - trasporti ufficiali
- mensa ufficiali ecc.)

autocarri 12
autovetture 16
motocicli 10
motocarrozzette 4

Comando Artiglieria

autocarri 8
motocicli 4

Comando Genio

autocarri 4
motocicli 4
motocarrozzette 4

Direzione di Sanità e Ufficio Ispico e Veterinario

autocarri 4
autovetture 12
motocicli 4

Direzione di Commissariato

autocarri 16 (compresi quelli necessari per la sezione
riparazione calzature e vestiario)
motocicli 2

Distretti

autocarri 7

Depositi

autocarri 8

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motocicli

Direzione di Commissariato

autocarri

motocicli

Distretti

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Totale

autocarri

autoveicoli

motocicli

motocarrozzette

autocamion

16 (compresi quelli necessari per la sezione
riparazione calzature e vestiario)

2

7

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16

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COMANDO TERRITORIALE DI FIRENZE

Quartier Generale (funzionamento del Comando - trasporti ufficiali -
- norme ufficiali - ecc.)

autocarri	12
autovetture	10
motocicli	8
motocarrosette	4

Comando Artiglieria

autocarri	8
motocicli	4

Comando Genio

autocarri	8
motocicli	4

Direzione di Sanità e Ufficio Topico e Veterinario

autobulense	12
autocarri	4
motocicli	2

Direzione di Campiessariato

autocarri	12
motocicli	4

Bisbeti

autocarri	8
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Depositi

autocarri	2
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Nucleo CC. RR.

autocarri	2
motocicli	2

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Depositi

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autambulanza56
40
24
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

08 135 A

TO (FOR ACTION): FREEDOM

REF NO: AQ2727

SECRET

REFER AG 686/069 OCT-0 OF 30 JAN (.) MMIA OFFICER SARDINIA REPORT
CONSIDERABLE QUANTITY ITALIAN AIR FORCE TRANSPORT IN SARDINIA WHICH COULD
BE USED ON THIS AIRFIELD PROJECT (.) MAJORITY ITALIAN ARMY VEH HAVE BEEN
SHIFTED TO MAINLAND

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

Lee Golio 300

4685

Subject: Motor Transport and Material

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MHA)
Rome
AC/5

February 1945

To : MHA 10, Sicily

Reference your 1191 x 732 of 11 Jan 1945.

1. AFM Circular No. 13 of 1 May 1944 establishes the policy regarding Italian Army property. The pertinent paragraph is as follows:

"Ib. Italian Material. All Italian material belonging to all arms and services of the Italian Ground Forces and in the possession of the Italians at the time of the armistice is considered as Italian material and, except as otherwise directed by this AC is reserved for the use of the Italian Army under the direction of the Army Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission."

2. Italian Army material which was captured, and which has been disposed of by the Allies, either before or after the Armistice, has ceased to be the property of the Italian Government and cannot now be claimed by the Italian Army. It follows that any property which was not in Allied hands or under Allied control at the time of the Armistice is the property of the Italian Government and should be recovered.

3. It is understood that in Sicily all captured Italian motor vehicles and material were turned over to the Allied Commission and title therefore passed to the Allied Commission. Subsequently, the Allied Commission organized an Italian Company known as I.S.T. to operate this transport, but the title to the vehicles and material remains with the Allied Commission. It may be that the Allies sold some captured material or vehicles to civilians in Sicily; and in this case, the title would have passed to the civilian purchaser; and the Italian Government has no interest in such vehicles or material. However, the civilian holding said property must have proper documents to prove that the property was actually captured material and sold by the Allies.

4. No authority exists for the I.S.T. or the Allied Commission to conduct salvage operations or to come into possession of any Italian Army material since the Armistice unless such material was actually in Allied control at the time of the Armistice. Any material which has come into Allied hands since the

Armistice remains the property of the Italian Government and any individual, Allied or Italian, holding such material has no title to it, and the Italian Army can therefore recover the material under Italian law.

5. It is obvious that the Allies would not approve the sale of Italian motor vehicles or parts, which have been turned over to ALCON, to Italian civilians for the purpose of establishing a black market to deal in such vehicles or parts, thus permitting the Italian civilians to repair illegally-held property and use it for private enterprise. At the same time, once the sale has been made to Italian civilians in this way, the Italian Government can requisition such vehicles or parts from the Italian civilians under normal Italian law, and the action of the Allies in selling vehicles or parts could not operate to protect the Italian civilian from Italian law.

6. It should be possible to determine just what motor vehicles and parts are legally in the hands of the Allied Commission or its operating agency, A.C.A., and in the hands of civilians under title conferred by the Allies as captured enemy material. Arrangements must be made that such title is confirmed and that the vehicles in the hands of the Allied Commission are not repossessed by the Italian Government. However, the Italian Government has full authority to requisition any vehicles or parts in the hands of civilians regardless of how the civilian acquired the vehicle. AFHQ recently directed that the Italian Government exercise its power of requisition of vehicles only in such cases as approved by AFHQ. The only case so far known approved is for the requisition of 24 trucks for the CC.NN in Sardinia. The Italian Government does not have to requisition vehicles which are illegally held by Italian civilians, it simply seizes them.

7. The Italian Government can then proceed to repossess all of its property in Sicily subject to these limitations. If the Government desires to reimburse the civilians for repairing vehicles which it repossesses, that is a matter for Italian determination.

8. I have talked to the Director of Transportation, Mr Taylor; and he suggests that you get in touch with Captain Lynch, the newly-appointed Transportation Officer in Palermo, and see if you can come to an agreement with Captain Lynch which will determine finally the title to all of this property in Sicily, bearing in mind that it is our job to protect the Italian Government and to assist them in the recovery of their property. Necessary documents should be prepared to show exact title to all vehicles determined to be legally in the possession of the Allied Commission or civilians.

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9. In conjunction with Captain Lynch, you should investigate the release or sale, by Allied officers, of all material sold to civilians since the Armistice about which complaint has been made by General Parriotti in the various letters attached to your communication. This investigation should determine (1) if the material sold was actually captured material and therefore could legally be sold by the Allied officers, and (2) the disposition of the funds received.

10. It is realized that this is a large order to give you, but it is not possible to settle these questions except in Sicily and the sooner the questions are settled, the better.

11. Mr. Taylor tells us that he is informing Captain Lynch of the situation and asking Captain Lynch to cooperate with you in settling the matter. If there is any difficulty in this connection, it is desired that you advise us in order that the matter can be handled through Mr. Taylor here.

12. Keep us informed of the progress of action taken by you.

R
CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMA)

SPK/lax

cc: Mr. Taylor, Transportation
Sub Commission, ALSCM
ST

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● Translation ●

297/2

From: M of W

TO: ~~SA~~ ~~Minister~~ 441ARef: 201 356/II
220-13-27

Date: 31 Jan. 1945.

Subject: Recovery of Army supplies.

Re: letter AA/5 of the 26 Dec. 1944.

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Referring to contents of your a/m letter we inform you that Hq Del "T", SARE, has announced that what you stated in para. I was due to a misunderstanding, ^{caused} on the part of the 941A C.O., 5th Army by his intervention in the following 2 questions:

1) Del. "T", in order to organize, as quickly as possible, a regular courier service to ROME and ~~in view of~~ since it was impossible to draw all the ^{needed} efficient M.T. from ^{recovery} ~~recovery~~, ^{material} the 446 was contacted for ^{supplies} ~~obtaining~~ 8 trucks to be drawn from those in circulation for food supply or other public service.

Later an agreement was made, on the basis of which the trucks are being turned over.

2) In the proclamation on the declaration of materials belonging to the Mil. Admin. mention is made of M.T. temporarily granted for use to civilians as ~~reimbursement~~ ^{reimbursement} for expenses incurred for repairs and M.T. to be maintained, until needed, at the disposal of the ~~local~~ ^{5 Feb} authorities (446)

for food supply or other public services.

The 5th Army MIA L.O. has incorrectly interpreted the agreement as per No. 1) and the two categories of M.T. as per No. 2), contrary to what said Col. "T" has done and is doing in order to recover ~~with said~~ M.T. withheld, under any claim, by civilians.

After further conferences said L.O. has acknowledged his misunderstanding.

We inform you, furthermore, that we have issued exact directives in the matter, as requested, to the units concerned with recoveries.

S/ COMBARDI

R/S

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FROM: MMIA
TO (FOR ACTION): ALCON SICILY

31 1000 A

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AQ 2708

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FOR MMIA LO (.) REFERENCE YOUR 1191 X 782 OF 11 JANUARY
SUBJECT MOTOR TRANSPORT AND MATERIAL (.) ENTIRE MATTER IS
COVERED BY LETTER SENT YOU TODAY (.)

C. P. KERR, Col

4680.

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WILSON 53 WILSON
for automobile accident
transmission and changed to automatic

USE/TOING

WATER/ICE RATIO

PLEASE SEND IMMEDIATELY THIS IN STATEMENT ALL BUT ALL
ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES NOW REMAINING IN POSSESSION LEXANDRO
FORCORS DIVISION (.) ALL THESE VEHICLES WILL WITHOUT ANY
EXCEPTIONS WHATSOEVER BE RETURNED AT ONCE TO CASSERA
AMIGOR/VIA FORSTANA ROME (.) AND

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MIA

25 1000 A

ALCON SIGHT

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CONFIDENTIAL

FOR LONG MIA CO (.) SEND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A COMPLETE
REPORT ON VEHICLES IN POSSESSION OF CO RR (.) HOW MANY (.)
HOW MANY SERVICEABLE (.) CAUSE FOR DEAD LINE (.) WHAT REPAIR
FACILITIES EXIST (.) IS THE CO RR DOING ANYTHING TO IMPROVE
SITUATION WITH VEHICLES AVAILABLE QUERY (.) HOW MANY VEHICLES
ARE NEEDED IN YOUR OPINION QUERY (.) CAN VEHICLES BE REQUISITIONED
LOCALLY QUERY (.) IS PROPER USE BEING MADE OF AVAILABLE
TRANSPORT (.) IS THE NEED FOR PARTS AND TIRES OR WHAT QUERY (.)

*Dr 28 Jan**Important*

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AC
SD/50

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RPT

W. P. ...

Palermo Territorial H.Q.
M/T H.Q..

Ref. No 9029/Aut.

P.M. 72, 6 January, 1945.

Subject: M/T spares belonging to the Military Administration.

To : M.M.J.A., L.O. Sicily.

Ref. your letter No 1191 dated 29 December last.

The ditta Basile is located in Palermo, Corso dei Mille 284;

the spare parts were released by the following Allied Officers:

Captain Melville on 15 January, 1944 (the same Officer authorized Basile to sell the material)

1st Lt Baron on 30 June, 1944

Mjr Kolen on 30 September, 1944:

the above mentioned documents are in possession of Basile himself;

the material is made up of spare parts, detritus, miscellaneous items, all needed for the repair and reconstruction of Military Motor-vehicles, as well as an unknown number of Petrol containers (drums), of which the Military Administration is particularly short, so much that it is forced to lease them from C.I.P., paying heavy sums.

By order,

Sgd R. Griglio, Col, Chief of Staff.

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Palermo Territorial H.Q.

U/T H.Q.

Ref. No 278/Aut

P.M. 72, 6 January, 1945.

Subject: Material belonging to the Italian Army (I.A.).

To : Ministry of War, U/T GHQ.,

Rome.

Ministry of War, Cabinet,

Rome.

Info. : U.M.I.A., I.C. Sicily.

My U.C. has for some time been carrying out salvage operations of M/T parts spread all over the Island and abandoned following the well known events.

At the same time the National Transport Institute (I.N.T.) has been carrying out the same salvage operations, coming into possession, because of the availability of one of tools and equipment, of a very large quantity of M/T parts and vehicles.

Following the terms come to between the Italian Government and the Allied H.Q., which have been made effective for Sicily in A.C.C. H.Q. letter No 360/11/CA dated 10 August, 1944 (copy attached), according to which all Italian Material belonging to any Corps or Service of the Italian Armed Forces and in the possession of the Italians at the time of the Armistice is reserved for the Italian Army, I have approached the local A.C. with a view to having it give instructions to I.N.T. concerning the return of the said material and the understanding that any further salvage operations would cease (copy of letter attached).

The A.C. Office, in letter No RYC 634 dated 26 September, 1944 (copy attached), informed us that the material that had been taken over by I.N.T. would not be returned to the Italian Armed Forces until the higher authorities had given orders concerning this.

In order however to help in the gradual reconstruction of the Italian Army A.C. gave orders that a certain number of M/T vehicles, held by I.N.T., were to be handed back to the Italian Armed Forces.

This transfer has taken place partly, after all the material had undergone an accurate stripping, and in an absolute inefficient mechanical and unserviceable condition.

In the meantime the said Establishment continues to salvage Motor-vehicle setting up at the same time a special contract, by which they are given to private citizens, who do just the opposite of helping in the reconstruction

attached), informed us that the material that had been taken over by I.N.T. would not be returned to the Italian Armed Forces until the higher authorities had given orders concerning this.

In order however to help in the gradual reconstruction of the Italian Army A.C. gave orders that a certain number of V/S vehicles, held by I.N.T., were to be handed back to the Italian Armed Forces.

This transfer has taken place partly, after all the material had undergone an accurate stripping, and in an absolute inefficient mechanical and unserviceable condition.

In the meantime the said Establishment continues to salvage motor-vehicle setting up at the same time a special contract, by which they are given to private citizens, who do just the opposite of helping in the reconstruction of the Country, these vehicles being property of the Military Administration and the civilians being compelled to render them serviceable.

The motor-vehicle which has then been made serviceable, with spare parts bought at black market prices from illegal dealers, in contrast with the order of the H.Q. (copy attached), is then given on loan (with profits) to private people for a certain period of time, depending on a certain daily quota which goes to cover the large sum spent on receiving the vehicle. The latter remains the property of I.N.T..

For the above stated reasons there is an evident contrast between the general arrangements concerning the Italian Civil and the Allied one and the practical application of the said arrangements of the outlying H.Q..

Your Ministry recently gave orders, in letter No 20336 dated 22 Dec. 1944, to the Military H.Q.s to carry out what had practically been done by I.N.T., and as legal owners.

This has been pointed out so that your Ministry may be in a position to let me know their decisions concerning this, since the arrangements for to in the above-mentioned letter No 360/11/GA dated 10 August 1944 from A.C.G. H.Q. is completely frustrated, as well as the reason for the order dated Nov. 21, concerning the handing back of material belonging to the Italian Army (I.N.T.) and at present held by private persons.

Sgd. A. Mariotti, G.O.C..

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Military H.Q. of Sicily

Unlawful detention of Motor-vehicles and Material
of Military Source held by private persons.

Military H.Q. of Sicily informs all the Civilians of the Island who illegally detain motor-vehicles and material of military source that:

1. Whoever is in possession of motor-vehicles or material originating from the Italian Army or in any way belonging to the Military Administration is ordered to declare it to Military H.Q. of Sicily, M/T H.Q., within 60 days of the present order.
3. The unlawful holders of motor-vehicles and material who make this declaration within the time-limit fixed, and who will prove with the necessary documents the absolute necessity of having to use the same vehicles, will be given the temporary use of the motor-vehicles (on a loan basis) for a period of time to be fixed by Military H.Q. of Sicily.
2. The unlawful holders of motor-vehicles and material who make this declaration within the time-limits and in the manner fixed in para. 1 above will not be held for trial and will not be dealt with legally.
4. The transgressors of this order, once the time-limit fixed for the declaration mentioned in para. 1 is up, will be punished according to law if they are found in possession of motor-vehicles and material originating from the Military Administration.

P.M. 72, 21 November, 1944.

Adm o MARIOTTI, G.O.C.

N.B. The present order has been authorized by the Ministry of War, Cabinet, Laws and Decrees Office, in letter No 4234/L/D dated 17 November, 1944.

Certified true copy,
Sgt U. Zambardino, Col, G.O.C. M/T/.

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Subject: Removal of Material from Italian Army Motor Park

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MRIA)
Rome
AC/S

10 January 1945

To : Deputy Chief of Staff,
Establishment Section,
Allied Commission.

Ref your 92/54/PSI of 25 November 1944

replying to our AC/S of 1 November 1944 — 2042nd

1. Upon reading the statement furnished by Major Phelps regarding this matter in which Major Phelps states that only 5 rins were removed from the Italian motor park and that no receipt was given, the Italian War Ministry was requested to explain just why they had advised this Headquarters that Major Phelps had removed 17 rins and produced a written demand, or receipt, for the 17 rins. It is also noted that the statement of Major Phelps differs in a number of other aspects with the report made by the Italian War Ministry on which our original communication was based.

2. The Italian War Ministry has answered our communication and furnished us with a copy of the written demand of Major Phelps for the 17 rins in question. This written demand of Major Phelps was used as a receipt for the 17 rins. It appears, however, that 5 rins were selected at one time by Major Phelps and his civilian mechanic, and that on the next day the civilian mechanic returned and secured the balance of the rins for which Major Phelps had given his receipt. This is entirely contrary to the statement made by Major Phelps that only 5 rins were taken by him or with his knowledge by any employee. Also the 12 rins were returned to the park after the matter had been reported by the War Ministry.

3. It therefore appears that Major Phelps made little or no investigation of the entire matter prior to the time he wrote his report and had left his receipt with the park for 17 rins. Major Phelps has simply relied on denying the truth of the report made by the Italians, whereas the Italians have the documents to prove that Major Phelps made a demand for and received 17 rins, and also changed the Allied notice which was posted on this depot. It is difficult to believe that an Allied officer would give a receipt for 17 rins and only take 5 and not change the receipt.

4. This letter is written in order to get the record straight. Every effort is being made to insure that reports from the Italians are accurate, and it is rather embarrassing when their report is questioned on the basis of the statement of an Allied officer which statement of the Allied officer is later shown by the Italians to be incorrect, obviously so only to justify his illegal action.

R
CLAYTON W. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Lend Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MIA)

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1 Incl: Receipt for 17 Rins

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NOTICE

The following parts are required for the use
of A.C.C. for maintaining and operating the
Italian Vehicles assigned to it.

5	disces	(Wheels)	per Fiat 1100
5	"	"	per Lancia Augusta
2	"	"	per Lancia Aprilia
5	"	"	per Fiat 1500

Signed by Charles Phelps
Major of A.C.C.

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Encl

Subject:- Recovery of Vehicle.

ST/1007

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C. (EMIA)

ROME

4 Jan. 45

Tel: 89081 EXT 525

To :- Direzione Generale della Motorizzazione
Ministry of War.

1. In reply to your letter ST 25878/X/2-1 dated 21 Dec. 44.-
2. If, as stated in your letter under reply, the lorry now being held by Transport Fima " Vittoria " still bears the Italian Military licence plate N° M.B. 161725(20), it should be possible for you duly accredited representative to take possession.-
3. Please arrange accordingly. In the event of action being taken to prevent the return of the lorry, notification should be sent to this HQ, giving full particulars, including names of people concerned, the reasons given for such action and any other relevant details in order to enable the case to be taken up with higher authority.-

Chabineau
(O.C. PARINEAU)
Major RASC
for Lt.Col

JWD/sg.

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (EMIA).

Copy to :- 2 i/c.

A/Q. ←

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translation.

AQ/5

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From. M of W
to M.M.I.A

Ref. 07.00 26593

Date. 3 Jan. 44

With drawal of M.T. Material from car park
of MESAGNE.

Ref to letter AQ/5 dated 28.11.44. we inform you
that.

- (1) 17 wheels from salvaged material $\frac{1}{2}$ were
withdrawn as the allied officer stated that they
were needed for a change of sizes
- (2) The withdrawal was done in two instalments
wheels were issued on the 10th of Oct to MAJOR PHELPS.
The remainder to his driver on the next day.
- (3) as the wheels could not be refitted they
were later on returned by A.C of LECCE to the
MESAGNE PARK.
- (4) at the time of withdrawal a release order
was given. the original cannot be sent on to you
as it was returned to issuing unit, and therefore
a copy is attached.

We also join to this letter the poster in 4870
language, which was altered by MAJOR PHELPS.
own hand (see Para 6°).

R Mansfield

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The following parts are required for the use
of A.C.C. for maintaining and operating the
Italian Vehicles assigned to it.

5	disces	(Wheels)	per Fiat 1100
5		"	per Lancia Augusta
2		"	per Lancia Aprilia
5		"	per Fiat 1500

Signed by Charles Phelps
Major of A.C.C.

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A V V I S O

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Le seguenti parti sono requisite per l'uso
della C.A.C. per mantenere in esercizio i veic-
coli italiani ad essa assegnati.=

5.....	dischi	per Fita 1100
5.....	"	per Lancia Augusta
2.....	"	per Lancia Aprilia
5.....	"	per Fiat 1500

Firmato Charles Phelps
Maggiore della C.A.C.

Messagne 11 IO-IO-44

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Allegato N. 66
all'Istria, nel Reg. Austr. Col. II

H. J. Catel
(1841) - Am. Mus.

N. _____

Distribuzione: BENZINA, OLII, ecc.

BUONO DI DISTRIBUZIONE.

Benzina Kg.

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Composto per cambi

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Recipienti:

Auto _____ Targu/c tipu _____

Moto _____

Reperto

Firma per ricevuta del conduttore
(figura, cognome e indirizzo)

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I T A L I A N A R M Y D E P O T
MAGAZZINO DELL'ESERCITO ITALIANO

Depot. *Autoveicoli*
Magazzino *Autoveicoli*

Location *Wesagne*
Località *Wesagne*

1° - This depot is « OUT OF BOUNDS/OFF LIMITS » to all Allied Personnel.

2° - Allied Personnel will NOT enter this depot nor remove nor cause to be removed any contents there of, unless duly authorised to do so by the Army Sub Commission, A.C.C. (M.M.I.A.).

3° - Allied Personnel duly authorised by Army Sub Commission, A.C.C. (MMIA) to enter this depot, or to remove any contents, will first produce for inspection by the Italian authorities of the Depot, the written authorisation, signed by an Officer of the Army Sub Commission A.C.C. (MMIA), or signal message giving the authorisation.

4° - In every case of the removal of contents, a detailed receipt, signed by the Allied Officer concerned, will be handed to the Italian Authorities, before leaving. The authority for this removal of contents will always be quoted on this receipt.

1° - L'ingresso in questo magazzino è vietato a tutto il personale Alleato.

2° - Il personale alleato NON dovrà entrare in questo magazzino, nè asportare nè causare l'asportazione di qualsiasi cosa contenuta nel magazzino stesso a meno che debitamente autorizzato a farlo dalla Sottocommissione Alleata di Controllo per l'Esercito (MMIA).

3° - Il personale Alleato debitamente autorizzato dalla Sottocommissione per l'Esercito della C. A. C. (MMIA) ad entrare in questo Magazzino o ad asportare il contenuto esibirà alle autorità italiane del Magazzino l'autorizzazione scritta, firmata da un ufficiale della Sottocommissione suddetta, oppure un fonogramma che conceda l'autorizzazione.

4° - In ogni caso di asportazione del contenuto del Magazzino (o di parte di esso), sarà rilasciata al consegnatario del Magazzino stesso, prima della partenza, una ricevuta dettagliata in cui sarà sempre fatta menzione dell'autorizzazione ricevuta.

5° - Se sorgessero delle difficoltà, il personale alleato od italiano interessati, prenderà

authorities of the Depot, the written authorization, signed by an Officer of the Army Sub Commission A.C.C. (MMIA), or signal message giving the authorization.

4° - In every case of the removal of contents, a detailed receipt, signed by the Allied Officer concerned, will be handed to the Italian Authorities, before leaving. The authority for this removal of contents will always be quoted on this receipt.

5° - Where difficulties arise, the Allied and/or Italian Personnel concerned will contact immediately army Sub Commission A.C.C. (MMIA) Liaison Officers.

6° - Army Sub Commission, A.C.C. (MMIA) Liaison Officers are located as under:

MMIA LO HQ A.C.C.	NAPLES
MMIA LO TARANTO	CATANZARO
MMIO LO with Rear	Eighth Army
MMIO LO with	Fifth Army
MMIA LO with Rear	5 Corps
MMIA LO at	N° 1 District
MMIA LO at	N° 2 District
MMIA LO at	N° 3 District
MMIA LO at	60 Sub-Area

COL. Simmons thru Allied Garrison
Comd SARDINIA

Lt. Col. Albert thru C.O. I B S
SICILY

F/to MAGGIOR GENERALE

Capo della Sottocomm. Alleata per l'Esercito

L. Browning

zazione scritta, firmata da un ufficiale della Sottocommissione suddetta, oppure un fonogramma che conceda l'autorizzazione.

4° - In ogni caso di asportazione del contenuto del Magazzino (o di parte di esso), sarà rilasciata al consegnatario del Magazzino stesso, prima della partenza, una ricevuta dettagliata in cui sarà sempre fatta menzione dell'autorizzazione ricevuta.

5° - Se sorgessero delle difficoltà, il personale alleato od italiano interessati prenderanno immediatamente contatto con un ufficiale di collegamento della Sottocommissione per l'Esercito della Commissione Alleata di Controllo (MMIA).

6° - Detti ufficiali sono dislocati come segue:
Ufficio Coll.to Com/do Comm.ne Alleata di Controllo NAPOLI

Ufficio ~~Coll.to Com/do XXXI Armata~~
~~CATANZARO~~ ~~TARANTO~~ ~~466~~
Ufficio Coll.to Com/do Arretrato VIII Armata

Ufficio Coll.to Com/do V Armata
Ufficio Coll.to Com/do Arretrato V Corpo
» » col n° 1 Distretto
» » » 2 »
» » » 3 »
» » » 60 Sud-Area

Colonneo Colleg.to con il Comando Alleato della RDEGNA.

Ten. Col. AL
XII Cdo con il Comando del XII°
LIA.

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Subject: Transfer of Italian Army Lorraine to Italian Royal Navy.

Lord Forces Sub. 20. 1. 45.
(M. H. I. A. / E O H S
AS/B

2 Jan 1945

To: Navy Sub Commission, A.C.

Ref: ESC/1379 dated 22 Dec 44 with enclosure from Ministry of Marine.

1. It is regretted that the proposed transfer cannot be authorized by this Hq. owing to the urgent operational need of all possible vehicles on the Island.
2. Substantive papers are enclosed.

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S.L. BENTON, Lt. Col.
For Major General,
M. H. I. A.

Copy to: M. H. I. A.

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COPY

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 16/12/44
Ref.: 1131/BO

Subject: Transfer of Lt. Arny Lorrier to I.R.N.

1. To meet urgent transport requirements in Sardinia, this Ministry had arranged with War Ministry M/T Section to ask Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (M.M.F.A.) to authorize transfer of 40 in. Ho lorries from War Administration.

2. This demand was forwarded only after it was found it possible to obtain M/T. elsewhere. Your Command already is aware of I.R.N.'s transport position which is absolutely inadequate to cover essential services, especially transfer of food and personnel. You had also been requested to allocate Allied M/T. but this has not come about as yet.

3. The need for transport is particularly felt in Sardinia where, due to the difficulty in communicating with the Mainland, the lack of workshops and equipment to carry out repairs, must be added the bad condition of the roads whose granitic nature causes exceptional wear and tear on M/T., particularly the tyres.

4. War Ministry informs that Land Forces Sub-Commission is not prepared to accept the transfer mentioned in Para 1.

5. In view of the above we shall be glad if F.O.L.I. will approach L.R.S.C. with a view to their re-examining I.R.N.'s request in the light of the reasons put forward.

CHIEF OF CABINET

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OF FIFTH ARMY

APHQ, STONNA, 15 APRIL 1945,
FIFTH ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS NMIA LG

AG 2431

SECRET

CHIEF DIRECTIVE IN CASES OF CONVICTION (.) FOR AG 8 OF 14 NOV 1943 (.)
FOURTH (.) FIFTH ARMY RECEIVED A REPORT ITALIAN ARMY HQ IN AREA TO
FLORENCE TO HAVING ITALIAN ADMIRALTY (.) THIS HAS BEEN DONE (.) THIS
IS FURTHER FLORENCE HQ IS ADVISED BY DIA 15/4/45 OF 15 APR 45 TO
DISCOVER ITALIAN ARMY PROPERTY WHEN DETACHMENT COMING IN THIS AREA
HUNGARIAN WITH THE ARMY (.) FIFTH (.) REPORT FOR DISSEMINATION OF
THIS LG IN CONNECTION WITH ITALIAN MATTER (.) WE WILL ISSUE AN INSTRUCTIONS
TO ITALIAN ARMY IN ADDITION TO THOSE ALREADY IN USE AND ARE ORDERED
BY YOU (.) WITH (.) DO - VAN RISE (.) DO NOTHING NECESSARY (.) FURTHER
CONVULSION AND THOSE SUBJECTS OPERATION OF VIOLATED DIRECTIVES (.) REPORT
LAST STATUS OF VIOLATED AND PROGRAM OF RECOVERY (.) SEND FULL REPORTS
TO FIFTH ARMY WITH COPY TO US AS YOU HAVE DONE IN PAST UNINSTALLING AND
VIOLATION OF VIOLATED DIRECTIVES OR RECOVERY OF ITALIAN PROPERTY (.)

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FOR REMOVALS (.) SUBJECT IS SHIPMENT OF VEHICLES TO MAINLAND (.) SIGNAL
BY TYPES SUBJECT ALREADY SHIPPED AND NUMBER IN PARK AWAITING SHIPMENT (.)
DO NOT RPT NOT INCLUDES 205 DIV VEHICLES

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Subject: Transportation - Port of Cagliari

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
AQ/5

22 December 1944

To : Economic Section, Allied Commission

Reference your letter of 21 Dec 44, above subject.
(Evidently your file 5.04/ES)

1. A large number of Italian Army motor vehicles were found to be in Sardinia. These vehicles have been and are being repaired for the use of the Italian Army and transfer to the mainland. None of the vehicles considered economically repairable for transfer to the mainland can be given to the Regional Commissioner, Sardinia for civilian work, inasmuch as the Italian Army does not now have sufficient vehicles to meet its commitments as demanded by the Allies.
2. The Regional Commissioner, Sardinia requested 50 trucks for port work. This request is shown in Annex B to AFHQ letter HSB/460 of 9 December. MMIA had previously authorized the transfer of 100 trucks from the Italian Army pool in Sardinia to the Regional Commissioner. These trucks are not considered economically repairable for Italian Army use. However, since the Italian Army shop is to remain in Sardinia longer than anticipated, we are processing these 100 vehicles through the Italian Army shop before delivery to the Regional Commissioner. It appears that only 13 of the repaired vehicles have been delivered and an estimated rate of hand-over of 40 per month in the future. We will be glad to deliver all unrepaired vehicles at once if he so desires, so that the Regional Commissioner can repair them in his own shops. It must be understood that our shops must process Army vehicles destined for the mainland in order to maintain our shipping priorities.
3. Shipments by the Italian Army through the Port of Cagliari are handled in Italian Army trucks organically assigned to the Italian Army in Sardinia.
4. We have also loaned some trucks to the OC 63d Staging Wing in Sardinia as requested by the Regional Commissioner. We now find that the Italian Air Force in Sardinia itself has more than sufficient trucks for this purpose, and we are taking steps to get the Air Corps to meet their own commitments.

5. It is possible that some hundreds of Italian Army vehicles will be turned over to the Regional Commissioner in Sardinia when the Italian Army work shop goes to the mainland. These vehicles will be available for civilian use, but must be repaired in civilian work shops.

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CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MIA)

cc Col Commissioner

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Subject: Italian Army PropertyLand Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MIA)
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26 December 1944

To : Minister for WarCopy to: MIA LO, Fifth Army

1. Information has been received to the effect that some Italian Army officer connected with Delegation T in Florence is entering into negotiations with some Allied authority (believed to be AGO, Florence) and with Italian civilians regarding the recovery of Italian Army property (vehicles), and that this officer has made an agreement, compromise or deal, to accept a part of the property in full settlement. We were also informed that Delegation T has issued instructions that Italian Army vehicles in the possession of civilians and being used for the transportation of civilian rations need not be returned to Italian Army control.
2. You will at once issue instructions to ALL Headquarters and officers concerned that no deals, agreements, or compromises affecting Italian Army property will be negotiated or entered into with Allied officials or Italian civilians by any Italian officer without express approval of this Headquarters or the MIA LO on the spot, and that any such deals made in the past are not confirmed. Also no authority will be given by any Italian officer for the use of Italian Army vehicles by civilians for any purpose.
3. It is necessary that all Italian Army property of every sort be returned to Army control and use. Negotiations with Allied authorities must be through this Headquarters or the MIA LO on the spot. Every possible thing is being done by MIA to assist the Italian Army to recover its property, therefore MIA must be fully informed of all cases where the property is not recovered in full.
4. The MIA LO, Fifth Army will insure that the Commanding General of Delegation T is fully informed and issues the necessary instructions.

CLAYTON A. ARND, Colonel
for Major General 4660
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MIA)

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See file 297/2

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Subject: Italian Army Property.Lt Col Morris Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. S. I. A.) ROME
12/5Dec 1944To: AIR MAIL 10.

Herewith for your information letter 12/5 of 26 Dec 1944. This sets out clearly the policy in regard to Italian Army property.

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F J Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Col.
D.A. & Q.M.G.
M. S. I. A.

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Subject: Italian Army Property

Land Forces
Sub-Commission, AC (1941)
Rome
10/5
25 December 1941

To : Minister for War

Copy to: WMA IO, Fifth Army

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3. It is necessary that all Italian Army property of every sort be returned to Army control and use. Negotiations with Allied authorities must be through this Headquarters or the WMA IO on the spot. Every possible thing is being done by WMA IO to assist the Italian Army to recover its property; therefore WMA IO must be fully informed of all cases where the property is not recovered in full.
4. The WMA IO, Fifth Army will insure that the Commanding General of Delegation T is fully informed and issues the necessary instructions.

CURTIS P. ZERR, Colonel
Major General
Land Forces
Sub-Commission, AC (1941)

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15TH ARMY MARCH 2004

AFHQ, CO STONIA, FIFTH ARMY,
FIFTH ARMY HEAD QUARTERS

AG 2485

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REFERENCE FOR AG/8 OF 13 MAY 54 AND 15 MAY 54 (.) SUBJECT FIFTY ITALIAN
ARMY VEHICLES IN HANDS OF CIVILIANS IN LANCING (.) THESE VEHICLES HAVE
NOT YET BEEN TURNED OVER TO ITALIAN ARMY AUTHORITY. THE
SUBJECTS OF AG 2485 OF 15 MAY 54 HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THIS
IS TRUE (.) THE ARMY IS AVAILABLE TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION
TO BRING TO LIGHT THE FACT AND FROM NOW ON ATTENTION TO BE A
REAL MATTER LOCAL ITALIAN ARMY OFFICERS TO ACCEPT LOSS OF THE TOTAL NUMBER
OF VEHICLES BELONGING TO ITALIAN ARMY (.) NO REPORT TO SUPERIOR OFFICERS
NOR THE ITALIAN OFFICERS OF THE ARMY ARE RECOMMENDED AS ITALIAN OFFICERS
HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO TAKE ACTION INVOLVING ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES (.)
FIFTH ARMY HAS 6-UNITED REQUESTS FOR ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL ITALIAN
ARMY VEHICLES TO US-171 AND 171-171 WITHIN THE FIFTH ARMY COMMAND (.)
UNLESS THE ARMY OFFICERS ARE COMPLIED WITH AND ALL AVAILABLE ITALIAN ARMY
VEHICLES ARE RETURNED TO ITALIAN ARMY IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE ARMY

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MINUTES OF MEETINGS ON ITALIAN TRANSPORT SITUATION IN 5TH ARMY HELD ON 22ND DECEMBER 1944.

Lt. Col. Ripa di Meana (I), Capt. Brigham, 5th AMG, Lt. Di Palma and I went to the office of Lt. Col. Toscini (A), ECO Supply, 5th AMG first and told him that 5th Army was now going to requisition the Italian trucks for the 210 Division. He registered no objection, said Gen. Hume would withdraw the letter he wrote, but suggested that we go to Lt. Col. Mickey's office, Provincial Commissioner of Florence which we did and there he stated that Major Sykes was handling that truck situation and that he had made a deal with the Italian officers to only take 8 trucks of the approximately 36 trucks involved in the original transaction. I told them I couldn't speak for G-4, 5th Army, but I thought they wanted to requisition all the Italian Military transport and that unless MMIA had changed its policy recently, that they wouldn't approve of the Italian officers making any such agreement. It developed that Lt. Col. Grimaldi of the Delegation T Recuperi had made the deal. I was also informed of a directive being put out by Delegation T which states in part, that no Italian Army trucks will be taken which are hauling foodstuffs. Major Sykes stated that Gen. Hume was going to take this to the 5th Army C. of S. for a decision and that he personally was going to fight it to the last ditch and that in the future, the Italian Army would get no assistance from Italian civilians. He stated that the supply man of AMG would tell the civilians not to help the Italian Army recover its vehicles or equipment. Col. Mickey stated no lawyer would claim that the Italian Army had a right to the trucks in controversy which the civilians claim they bought or got from the Germans unless they requisitioned them, and he stated that 5th Army had an order out against requisitioning. I stated, I knew of no such order and as a lawyer, was of the opinion that the transfer from the Germans to the Italian civilians was at least voidable and some Italian court would some day so hold. Meeting adjourned, with no trucks.



Subject: Italian Army Vehicles sold to Civilians

Land Forces Sub Com., A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

to be read in conjunction

AG/5

25 Dec 44

25 Dec 44

A.F.M.Q. for Q(AE)

on Gen. Dof/2 file

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1. The point of view expressed in your AFHQ/6130/Q(AE) dated 13 Dec is not agreed to by this Sub Commission.

2. The 34 Italian Army vehicles referred to were NOT "scrap captured vehicles" as defined in AFHQ Circular 13, 1944; and the "sale" of these vehicles by unilateral action on the part of the Salvage Officer to an Italian civilian was NOT in accordance with current instructions. These vehicles were and it is considered still are Italian Army property; and most of them carried, at the time of "sale", distinctive markings of the Italian Army.

3. It would have been a simple matter for the Salvage Officer to have contacted Italian Military Authorities, through MIA, in order to clear his depot. This was not done, but the vehicles were sold to a civilian at a time when the Allies are compelled to furnish Allied transport to operate the Italian Army. Evidently the vehicles were worth something, and were not scrap unfit for further use, for they are now operating. To determine the cost of putting the vehicles in running order is impossible. These vehicles, on the black market, are worth about three hundred and forty thousand dollars, or eighty five thousand pounds. The civilian purchaser did not acquire legal title to the vehicles.

4. To inform the Italian Government that it should either (1) confirm the illegal sale or (2) purchase or requisition the vehicles from the present "owner", appears to be neither legal nor in accordance with the orders of the Supreme Allied Commander nor do I think it fair.

5. Even if the Italian Government seizes, (as it has every right to do) its own property which is illegally in possession of one of its own nationals, the Italian civilian will have at least a moral claim against the British Government.

6. The amount expended by each of the Allied Governments for its national commitments is dependent on the amount of Italian Army material available. Action by the Government of one Government in disposing of vehicles

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6. The amount expended by each of the Allied Governments for its national commitments is dependent on the amount of Italian Army material available. Action by the agent of one Government in disposing of vehicles in which both Governments have a primary interest is unilateral. Judgement of such action must be a joint Allied judgement in the name of the Supreme Allied Commander.

7. Request decision given be reviewed and suggest solution that:-

(a) The Italian Government be given immediate possession of its property, in its present operating condition, without recourse to requisition, purchase, or argument with the Italian civilian concerned.

(b) Settlement with the Italian civilian be made by the British Government.

(c) Prompt action be taken in order to prevent any action on the part of any one which would damage or dispose of these vehicles before they are turned over to the Italian Government.

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Refer Q 346 of 21 Dec (.) my AQ 2308 gave authority for loan of fifteen Italian Army load carrier trucks to officer commanding 63 Staging Post St Elmas (.) this was arranged at the special request of W/CMDR MCRAE of Overflow 70

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TRANSLATION.

CABLE NO.

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Translated by: *Ten Parmenter*
 War Ministry Motorisation

Date : 27/12/44
 Ref No. : 25878/X-2-1
 Date : 21 Dec. 44
 In reply to :

NO : 1000
1000 / Action.

SUBJECT: Recovery of vehicle.

As regards information received by this Ministry from our Salvage Unit of Viterbo, we have found that the local Transport Firm "Vittoria", illegally holds a lorry "Renault" that belonged to the Italian Military Administration, that had bought a large amount of lorries of this make.

The lorry has still its licence plate N° R.E. 161726 (20), on the front part, and apparently was given to this firm in July 1943 for the supply of food.

Having been clearly established its Italian Military origin, the Motorisation Directorate ordered that it should be salvaged.

This Ministry has however been informed that the lorry in question cannot be taken as the Allied Provincial Commissioner if Viterbo declares that this vehicle must remain at his disposition as he considers it Captured Enemy Material.

As its being of a foreign trade mark, does not deny its obvious belonging to the Italian Army, would this Sub-Commission be so kind as to take this matter up.

for THE MINISTER
 (Aliberti)

*Action taken
 in 8/1/1947*

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See Folio 284

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URGENT 268/1

Subject: - Request for Major Naples in CalabriaLent Forces Sub Com A.C. (MIA) -
10/5

Dec 14.

For L.C. Lent Forces Sub Com A.C.
(MIA), Naples (2 copies)

Copy: ADM/1 (MIA) (in reply to ADM/307/1 (MIA) of 18 Dec 14)

O.C. 1 Sub Depot, 557 B.D.
O.C. 274 Works R.E.
Divisione Motorizzazione,
Ministero Guerra.
12/10/141. Confirming telephone 21 Dec 14. Major Smith (MIA Naples) - Major
Peyroni (MIA Rome).2. Attached herewith is release note in duplicate for 100 tyres and 100 tubes
size 730 x 20 to be collected by MIA from 1 Sub Depot 557 B.D.3. These tyres and tubes are required to be delivered immediately to 274.
Works Company RE GROUP. The tyres and tubes are for use solely on the
Italian Army vehicles working on the Allied timber program in Calabria.

4. It is agreed that MIA 10, Naples on receipt of this letter will -

(a) provide an Allied representative of MIA to collect the tyres and
tubes from 557 B.D. and accompany them to CHOCHE for delivery to
274 Works Company RE and obtain signature from that unit.(b) arrange with Camillo Casparis for provision of the necessary transport
and for an adequate guard for each vehicle(c) ensure that Camillo Casparis arranges for a useful return load for
the vehicles from Comando Calabria.5. By the time the MIA representative and the tyres arrive in Crotona it is
to be ensured that the tyres will be

3. These Tyres and Tubes are required to be delivered immediately to 274 Works Company NS COMBAT. The Tyres and Tubes are for use solely on the Italian Army vehicles working on the Allied theater program in Calabria.
4. It is agreed that MIA LO, Naples on receipt of this letter will -
 - (a) provide an Allied representative of MIA to collect the Tyres and Tubes from 557 DD and accompany them to COMBAT for delivery to 274 Works Company NS and obtain signature from that unit,
 - (b) arrange with Comandio Campania for provision of the necessary transport and for an adequate guard for each vehicle
 - (c) ensure that Comandio Campania arranges for a useful return load for the vehicles from Comandio Calabria.
5. By the time the MIA representative and the Tyres arrive in Calabria it is possible 274 Works NS may have left. In that event the cargo will be delivered to an signature obtained from 3 Detachment, 93 Engineer Base Workshops, South African Engineer Corps, which is understood to be the unit taking over from 274 Works Company NS.
6. It is emphasized that the collection and delivery of these stores must be executed without error and without delay. MIA LO, Naples is requested to hand a copy of this letter to the MIA representative concerned.
7. For other references. Separate action will be taken
 - (a) to provide replaceable Tyres and Tubes to 557 DD in exchange
 - (b) to deal with miscellaneous IT stores, as instructed in AMH Letter under reply.

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ORIGINAL SIGNED (A. J. NOAKES)

Colonel.

D.A. (IB).

Levi Forces Sub Com A.S. (MCA).

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See folio 274

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FOR MIA LO (.) ALLOCATION OF V-35 TO YOU IS IIR 37/1022/N OF 16 DEC IS FOR
YOUR USE IN KIRKLAND HAPLES AND IS COMPLETELY UNDER YOUR CONTROL.

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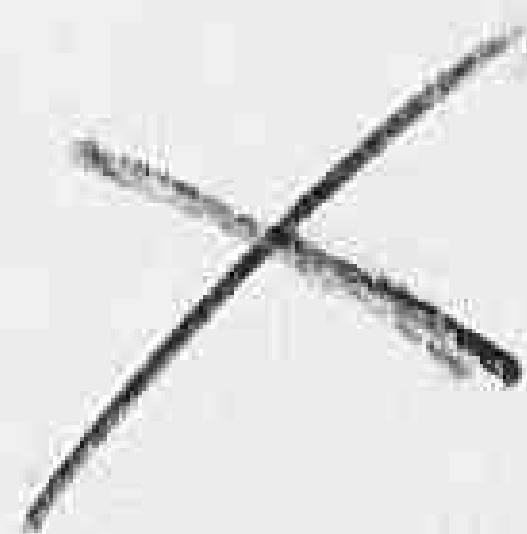
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AQ 2405

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FOR HENDERS (.) YOUR LETTER 14 DECEMBER (.) FIRST (.) POSITION LOAD
CAPTAIN FOR 63 STAYS POST RAY HAVE CHECKED (.) SEARCHED VESSEL REMAIN
OF LONG RPT LOAD (.) SECOND (.) MAJOR BOWEN WILL REPORT MAINTAINED
FORWARDERS BUT CAPTAIN JOLIMA WILL REMAIN UNTIL YOU CAN RELEASE



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FOR AN INCREMENT REFERENCE 4686/64A OF 14 DEC (.) 231 DIV
LEFT FOR FLORENCE WITH TWO MC TWO TRUCKS AND ONE CAR WHICH IS
ONE CAR LESS THAN WE AND REMAINING CAR IS BEING PROVIDED
FROM OTHER FORMATION (.) IF DIV HAS ONLY ONE VEH NOW REQUEST
YOU INSTRUCT DIV TO REPORT WHO WITHDREW BALANCE (.) ASSUME
YOU WILL SUPPORT 231 DIV WITH TPT NECESSARY FOR OPERATIONS IN
SAME WAY AS US SUPPORT 210 DIV (.) FIFTEEN SMALL SPA 39 TRUCKS
ALLOTTED YOU FROM TPT ARRIVING FROM SARDINIA (.) DRIVER PARTY
TO REPORT MMIA LO NAPLES WHO WILL ISSUE VEHICLES AND ARRANGE
LOAD TO YOU

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H.Q. Inf. Rgt.

C/do I/67 Rgt. Ftr.
H.Q. Inf. Rgt.

C/do Ia Rgt. Ftr.
H.Q. II/67 Inf. Rgt.

C/do 412* Rgt. Art.
H.Q. Arty. Rgt.

C/do II/412 Rgt. Art.
H.Q. Arty. Rgt.

C/do 243* Rgt. Art.
H.Q. II/412 Arty. Rgt.

C/do 417 Rgt. Lav.
H.Q. I.P.L. Regt. 47

C/do I/417 Rgt. Lav.
H.Q. I.P.L. Rgt.

C/do 237 Rgt. Lav.
H.Q. I/417 I.P.L. Rgt.

C/do 6 Rgt. Guardie
H.Q. Guard Rgt.

C/do 511/6 Rgt. Guardie
H.Q. Guard Rgt.

C/do Ia Rgt. Guardie
H.Q. 511/6 Guard Rgt.

Inf. units, Reg. Hq. - example:

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Artillery units, Reg. Hq. - example:

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Labour units - Reg. Hq. - example:

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Guards units - Reg. Hq. - example:

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Pack Mule Units - Group Hq. - example:	C/do H.Q.	XX	Gr. Salmaria Pk. Mul. Gp.
Coy. Hq. - "	C/do H.Q.	I/XX	Gr. Salmaria Pk. Mul. Gp.
Field Hospitals - Hq. - example:	C/do H.Q.	865	Opered. Campo Field Hospital
Veterinary Hosp. - Hq. - "	C/do H.Q.	I10	Inf. Quadr. Vet. Hosp.
Autonomous units - Hq. - "	C/do H.Q.	I60	Sec. It. Sic. Rad. It. Vir. Secur. Sec.

Engineers units - (instructions to follow) -

Sgt.	Biagio Mini
	Major
	Chief of staff

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REF: BY AQ/2308 OF 3 DEC (.) INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT
 ITALIAN AIR FORCE HAS ADEQUATE MOTOR TRANSPORT TO ASSIST 63
 STAGING POST RAF (.) REQUEST YOU INSTRUCT IAF TO SUPPLY MT AND
 RELIEVE AIRMEN FOR RETURN TO MAINLAND

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FOR MMIA LO (.) FIFTEEN SPA 39 WERE ALLOTTED 230 DIV (.)
SEND DRIVER PARTIES TO REPORT TO SMITH FOR DRAWING INSTRUCTIONS
AND APPROPRIATE LOAD MAPLES TO BARI



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FIFTH ARMY REAR

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FOR MMIA LC (.) FURNISH UP TO DATE STATE OF ITALIAN VEHICLES
ASSIGNED 210 DIVISION AND STATEMENT FOR ANY INCREASE DESIRED (.)
ADVISE NUMBER AND KIND OF ITALIAN VEHICLES NOW ON HAND IN ITI-ITI
GUARD BATTALION UNDER COMMAND FIFTH ARMY (.)

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for St. 21 Dec.
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FOR SIMMONS (.) AUTHORITY GIVEN FOR LOAN OF FIFTEEN RUNNING LOAD
CARRIER TRUCKS TO OFFICER COMMANDING 63 STAGING POST RAF ELMAS (.)
FURTHER DETAILS FOLLOW ON METHOD OF ACCOUNTING (.) FOR MAAF (.)
CONVERSATION MACRAE/HOAKES REFERS

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Subject: Utilisation of old M.T.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
AQ/6

13 Dec 44

To: HQ LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION AMG.

Ref your letter of 7 Dec with att enclosures. — 242/4

1. It appears that the correspondents refer to Allied M.T. In the case of British (and it is believed also US) parts of MT when reaching the salvage level are already sold to civilian contractors.
2. Requests for tyres etc from Allied sources would be rather unlikely to succeed at the present time.
3. It is proposed to hand over to AC control certain Italian Army vehs which are beyond military use, but might be of civil use. This plan, however, has not yet been implemented.

FJN/hh

F.J.NOAKES Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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FOR G THREE OAG (.) REFER HQD.450 OF 9 DEC (.) ONE HUNDRED ARMY TRUCKS
 IN RUNNING ORDER BEING HANDED TO ALLIED COMMISSION SARDINIA (.) FIFTEEN
 ARMY TRUCKS ALREADY LOANED TO RAF ELMAS IMMEDIATELY UPON REQUEST OF RAF (.)
 MY AQ 2309 OF 3 DEC TO YOU AND AQ 2308 TO HQ MAAP REFER

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Translation
 From Ministry of War
 To MMLA

Ref 24717 (24711)
 Date Dec. 11, 1944

Subject Italian Military Transport for Allied
 program for transport of materiel in Calabria

1. Reference is made to letter dated December 2, 1944
 sent to this Ministry for information.

2. The situation complained of must be
 considered as having arisen since months
 ago, that is to say, at the time when
 we reported to the Liaison Officer
 of the Allied Hq. at CROTONE that there
 were many lorries which were out
 of order due to mechanical trouble.

3. At present, there are only four
 lorries which are not in working order
 owing to mechanical trouble, and the
 Engineer General della Motorizzazione is
 sending the materials requested, drawing
 them from stocks independent
 of the materiel as buying them from
 the market.

4. There are twenty vehicles
 working now, but their tires are
 almost unusable, which is very

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dangerous to the personnel and material, owing to weather and bad road conditions.

c. Therefore, we request a 1938 supplementary assignment of troops and tubes in order to meet the urgent needs of the movement.

Cpl. W.C.

(Sgd.) Gen. E. B. Smith

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Subject: Italian Vets from SARDINIA.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(R.M.I.A.) R O B E.
10/5

10 Dec 44

To: A.Z.d.Q.
for Q/AE

Refer AFHQ/3215/Q(AE) of 7 Dec.

1. The present accurate holdings of MF in the Italian Army and the consequent requirements will not be known until the Census ordered by MHA Adm Instruction No.14 is completed. It is considered that this should be available by 31 Dec 44. A full report will then be made.
2. The AFHQ policy for the allotment of vech to which MHA is working is that given in para 7 c(1) of AFHQ letter AG 400/108 D-0 of 22 Sep 44. Thus vech will be allotted to all units in the Italian Army in such manner as to afford the minimum use of Allied transportation.
3. US and Br vech are now being used in part to cover the daily maintenance of ITI-ITI, ISI-ITI and US-ITI. It is therefore proposed to allot vech to all these categories to effect the immediate release of the corresponding Allied tpt.
4. Further, in order to avoid the sudden demands for tpt for special purposes which has now to be made in Districts, Base Sections and Armies, it is proposed to form two Tpt Coys of 3 pls each. The use of these Coys will cover the requirements of movement of rfts, clothing and rations etc which at present cause the Allied formations such inconvenience.
5. The quantity of spare parts, tyres, etc which will be available from cannibalisation is not yet known. The quantity required must depend on the number of vech which can be got running, and the length of time AFHQ require the Italian Army to be maintained for Allied use, as there is no other source of spares etc, except from cannibalisation.
6. It is hoped, but cannot definitely be certain, that enough vech, spares etc., can be got together to keep that part of the Italian Army which work for the Allies from being an increasing MF burden on the Allies. It can be said that, in the foreseeable future, there will not be any surplus available for ordinary civil use other than the 100 vech (considered not

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suitable for further military use) handed over in SARDINIA and
certain salvage not suitable for military use.

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES Col.
For Major General.
S.M.I.A.

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Copy to: AFHQ - G4A
US Org (F)
MMIA G(SD)
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TRANSLATION

To: The Competent Office
of AMG, Rome

SUBJECT: Proposal for the immediate solution of the high cost
of living problem with particular reference to the
transportation problem

R e p o r t

It is a well known fact that the transport problem is bearing heavily on all classes of the population and particularly gives a headache to the Organizations charged with the food supplying.

The scarcity of means of transportation and the high price of fuel (about 70% is being purchased in the black market at prices varying from 50 to 70 lire per litre) are heavily affecting the prices of the commodities of greater consumption, which in some cases have increased about 1000 to 1200 Lire per quintal.

It must be considered that the wear and tear on motor vehicles at present in circulation and which have covered thousands of kilometres, is very high, so much so that in a not distant future it is foreseen that liberated Italy may be totally deprived of means of transportation.

The necessary reparations to motor vehicles are becoming more and more difficult and problematical on account of the lack of spare parts which especially in the City of Rome has become very acute.

With particular reference to the City of Rome it is to be noted that the commodities of greater consumption are being sold to the consumers at prohibitive prices causing great uneasiness, not only of economic but also of a social character, in almost all the population.

The creation of Cooperative shops, and Organisations shops in which the Authorities, the representatives of various parties and the Managers of the great Enterprises are interested, will not be able to solve the problem of high cost of living but in a small degree, if at the same time the problem of transportation will not be ~~solved~~ radically solved.

The promises made by the Allied Nations, ~~placed~~ ^{2.636} they will materialize they will undoubtedly bring considerable benefits but the solution of the transportation problem is more urgent and pressing. The Allied Powers may by their intervention give a

prompt solution to the problem.

In the parking places put up by the Allied Power in the neighborhood of Caserta, Naples, Rome and Grosseto there are a great many motor vehicles, which being worn out and not fit for war requirements, could still be used for the supplying of the population of great centers. It is believed that on hundred motor vehicles put out of commission by the Allies about fifty may be rehabilitated after necessary reparations, or replacing worn out parts with other parts taken from automobiles taken apart.

It is estimated that within the period of a month 1000 motor vehicles ^{of 50 tons each} could be put into circulation again; this number could be substantially increased in the following months once an organization of repair shops could be created in the proximity of the motor parking places.

Ten of thousand of quintals of various merchandise could be this way introduced in a short time in the principal markets of the principal towns and especially in Rome that suffer more than all other towns from the shortage of primarily necessary merchandise.

It is necessary to provide immediately:

1. to obtain the concession of motor vehicles put out of commission by the competent Allied Command.
2. to the setting up and organization of at least one repairing shop ~~for~~ with 8/10 workers for every park
3. the drafting of the drivers necessary to drive the cars after rehabilitation.
4. the drafting of at least 100 mechanics specialized in repair work
5. to make the necessary arrangements with the Allies for allocation of tires, whenever the utilization of the tires of the cars placed out of commission would be impossible, and of fuel.

The undersigned, having the necessary competency, place themselves at the disposal in order to put the present proposal into effect in the interest of the liberated populations.

S/ Tamietto Alberto, Via di S. Costanze 13, Tel. 884144 4635
Fernando Marchetti, Via Savoia 33/6 " 868050
Epate Luigi
Romani Arnaldo, Via Quinterno 20 Telephone 764231
Marchetti Augusto, Via Savoia 33 Tel. 868050

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FOR SIMONS (.) AUTHORITY GIVEN FOR LOAN OF FIFTEEN RUNNING LOAD
CARRIER TRUCKS TO OFFICER COMMANDING 83 STAGING POST HAF ELMAS (.)
FURTHER DETAILS FOLLOW ON METHOD OF ACCOUNTING (.) FOR MAAP (.)
CONVERSATION MACHAE/NOAKES REFERS

See Folio 248

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ALCOM SARDINIA - ALCON SARDINIA
FOR HINSON

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AG 2309

SUBJECT ITALIAN ARMY MOTOR VEHICLES IN SARDINIA (.) ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY
 IN PROGRESS TO HAND TO ALCON SARDINIA ONE HUNDRED LOAD CARRIERS IN RUNNING
 CONDITION FOR ARMY USE AND CIVIL USE (.) FURTHER PLAN TO HAND OVER
 OR INLAND QUANTITY VERY SUITABLE FOR CIVILIAN REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION
 FOR REPAIRS BUT NOT SUITABLE FOR SHIPMENT FOR MILITARY USE EXACT QUANTITY
 NOT YET DETERMINED BUT LIKELY TO BE CONSIDERABLE

See Folio 248

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Re Allied Coms.

BY RMLA

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Subject: Utilisation of Military Stores
in SARDINIA - Motor Transport.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R C M E .
AG/B

Dec 44

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

1. One of the most urgent needs of the Italian Army is motor transport.
2. The main source of MT is the large quantity now in SARDINIA, although much is in need of repair. Great help is being given by the Allied Governments in assisting the reorganising of the repair services in the island and in the provision of shipping to bring the repaired MT to the Mainland.
3. If the most is to be made of this MT it is essential that all military sources of repair material are used to the fullest extent. This is not fully realised by all officers commanding units in SARDINIA.
4. You will therefore please issue clear and precise instructions that ALL the Italian military resources of SARDINIA are available for the repair of MT and further that any instructions on this subject issued by COL. SIMONS direct or through Major HALL will be complied with without delay.

Major General.
M.M.I.A.

FJH/hh

Copy to: Col.SIMONS.
Maj.HALL.
ST ROMIA.

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COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
Organization Office

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No. 10787/P/Ord.

A.F.O. 50, 25 November 1944

SUBJECT: Armoured Vehicles in Sardinia.

TO : M.M.I.A. Allied Garrison Sardinia
Colonel Simmons' Office - Cagliari

Reference letter dated 20 November.

1. Attached herewith is a chart showing the armoured vehicles available on the Island (efficient or easily repairable).

2. It is brought to your attention that:

- the majority of the vehicles have the heavy and light tool sets incomplete as well as the organizational equipment;
- the armament of the Light Tanks 3/35 have been turned in to the Siliqua warehouse; that concerning the other types of armoured vehicles have been disassembled and stored at the Cuspini and Dolianova warehouses;
- the majority of the tank batteries have been turned in to the 13th Auto Park at Abbasanta;
- there does not exist any more tank-personnel in Sardinia skilled with such vehicles since said servicemen were transferred to the "Brema" Combat Group as complements.

By order
THE CHIEF OF STAFF
/t/ Luigi Castellani, Col
/s/ L. Castellani

1st Inf.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, SARDINIA, APO 397 U.S. Army, 2 December 1944

TO: Commanding General, Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.O. (MMA).

1. Reference cable AQ 2222 undated.

The above information has been received from Comando Militare Sardegna.

Singel
G. L. FOSCHI, Major
for P. L. SIMMONS, 4631
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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Not seen before

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ARMORED VEHICLES STATUS

Type	Location	Efficient	Easily repairable	TOTAL
L. 3/35 Tank	Cuspin	75	8	83
M. 13 - 14 - 15 Tank	Cuspin	40	7	47
M. 17. Self-propelled	Cuspin	63	5	68
S.O.M.U.A. Tank	Polharova	10	13	23

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RE UN'S MOVE FOR EL REAF AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT FROM AFRIKIA TO

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Copied - Allied Force Sub-Commission

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Subject: Drawing of Automobile Material at Vehicle
Park at Mesagne.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/5

25 Nov 44.

MINISTER FOR WAR

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Reference your 21015/22 of 20 October, above subject.

1. The Allied Officer concerned states: (1) that he took only five rims from the park, with the approval of the officer in charge of the park; (2) that the five rims were returned to the park on 11 November, and (3) that no issue order was made nor receipts given, either when the rims were removed or returned.
2. In order to clarify the matter it is desired that full information be furnished, together with copies of any issue orders or receipts, and state if the rims have been returned.

CPK/wk

CLAYTON P. KERR, Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Follows 232+2304 also refers

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See Folio 283

Subject: - Operation of Vehicle Census

SECRET

ST/1004

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA),
ROME.

27 Nov 44.

tel: ROME 129084 EXT 526.

To: ALL MIA LOs (including LOs with Combat Groups)
War Ministry.
Internal Distribution MIA HQ.

1. In pursuance of MIA Administrative Instruction No 14, it is the intention now to operate a Census of all vehicles of Italian origin in present possession of units of the Italian Army.
2. The Census will be operated as follows:-

Responsibility For Completion of Census Forms And Return of One Copy of Each Census Form To Ministry of War -	For Italian Army Vehicles In Possession At Date Of Census Of -	Responsibility For Supervision of Census And Return of One Copy of Each Census Form to MIA HQ.
Comando Campania	-Comando and dependent units. -Gruppi di Combattimento Legnano, Foligno, Mantova.	MIA LO, Naples, " " "
Comando Truppo Ausiliario Ovost (212 Divisione)	212 Division.	MIA LO, Naples
Comando 227 Divisione	227 Division	MIA LO, 3 District.
Comando Puglia & Lucania	Comando and dependent units. 230 Division.	MIA LO, Bari.
Comando Calabria	Comando and dependent units.	MIA LO, Taranto.

Comando Campania	-Comando and dependent units. -Gruppi di Combattimento Legnano, Folgore, Mantova.	MMIA LO, Naples. " " "
Comando Truppo Ausiliario Ovest (242 Divisione)	242 Division.	MMIA LO, Naples
Comando 227 Divisione	227 Division	MMIA LO, 3 District.
Comando Puglia & Lucania	Comando and dependent units. 230 Division.	MMIA LO, Bari.
Comando Calabria	Comando and dependent units.	MMIA LO, Taranto.
Comando Sicilia	All Italian Army units on island.	MMIA LO, Sicily.
Comando Sardegna	All Italian Army units on island.	MMIA LO, Sardinia.
Comando 240 Division	Comando and dependent units.	MMIA LO, Rear 5 Army.
Comando 234 Division	Comando and dependent units.	MMIA LO, Brit. Incr. 5 Army.
Comando 209 Division	Comando and dependent units. Any Gruppi di Combattimento in area during December.	MMIA LO, 4 District.
Delegazione A	Delegazione A	MMIA LO, 1 District.

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Comando 228 Division	Comando and dependent units. Any Gruppi di Combattimento in area during December.	MMIA LO, Rear 8 Army.
Comando Lazio	Comando and dependent units but <u>not</u> including any 209 Div vehicles in Comando Lazio area.	MMIA HQ.
Various War Ministry Sections.	Respective Sections.	MMIA HQ.

3. Instructions as to the operation of the Census have been issued by War Ministry to all the Italian Commands above specified in letter 'Oggetto: Istruzione Amministrativa N. 14 Consenso Autoveicoli' ref. 305084/2/QA/343/VI/5 dated 22 Nov 44, which is enclosed herewith for transmission by MMIA LOs to respective Italian Commands.
4. Supplies of printed Census Forms (in estimated proportions of respective requirements) are sent herewith to MMIA LOs.
5. Immediately on receipt of this letter MMIA LOs will make contact with the Italian Commands as specified in para 2, hand over the War Ministry letter quoted in para 3, issue Census Forms (in the event that quantities are insufficient extra supplies should be arranged locally by mimeograph, or printing if convenient).
6. Thereafter LOs will liaise with Commands as specified to satisfy themselves that the Census will be promptly, accurately and completely carried out by the Italian Staffs concerned.
7. All completed Census Forms should reach MMIA HQ from LOs not later than 31 Dec 44. Italian Staffs concerned should not be permitted to hold up the main bulk of completed Forms while waiting for stragglers, but if incomplete batches are sent forward by LOs covering letter should clearly state which units are outstanding.
8. MMIA LOs should note the following general and individual points:-

6. Thereafter LOS will liaise with Command as specified to satisfy themselves that the Census will be promptly, accurately and completely carried out by the Italian Staff's concerned.
7. All completed Census Forms should reach MILA HQ from LOS not later than 31 Dec 44. Italian Staff's concerned should not be permitted to hold up the main bulk of completed Forms while waiting for stragglers, but if incomplete batches are sent forward by LOS covering letter should clearly state which units are outstanding.
8. MILA LOS should note the following general and individual points:
 - (a) Each Census Form should have date of compilation entered
 - (b) MILA Administrative Instruction No 14 para 3(b) - (c) apply unchanged.
Vehicle Group title letter should be entered at top right hand corner of each Form
 - (c) MILA Administrative Instruction No 14 para 3(c) states that VOR beyond local repair facilities or for lack of tyres/tubes will be distinguished by underlining in RED the Italian Registration No. In addition VOR which are judged altogether not worth repair should be circled in RED (this applies particularly to Census Forms from units operating VOR Parks). Please instruct respective Command accordingly.
 - (d) Vehicles in possession of CC.MR. will be dealt with as follows.
Italian Army vehicles bearing Regio Esercito number-plates operated by CC.MR. will be included in the Census. Other vehicles operated by CC.MR. will not be included.
 - (e) Italian Army vehicles on loan to Italian Navy or Air Force but still on charge of Army will be included.

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- (f) For MMIA IO, Bari. For the present no action should be taken to operate the Census on the vehicles of Piceno Division. Separate instructions will follow subsequently. Please inform Comando Puglia that para VI(c) of War Ministry letter herewith is modified accordingly.
- (g) For MMIA IOs Naples - Taranto -
1 District - Rear 8 Army.
Please note that dispositions in para 2 of present letter for operation of the Census for Italian Army vehicles (if any) of Friuli - Crotone - Legnano - Foligno - Mantova Divisions supersede para VI(b) and (c) of War Ministry letter herewith. Please inform respective commands accordingly.
- (h) For MMIA IO Sardinia.
It is desirable that the reductions in vehicle establishments in Sardinia instructed in MMIA HQ letter 10/5 of 12 Nov 44 to you and turning-in to Park or Workshops of resultant surplus vehicles should be substantially completed before the Census is operated. Please ensure the best possible dispositions towards this object.
- (j) For MMIA IO, Sicily. Your 224 of 11 Nov 44 is answered as follows:-
Your para 2(a) by 8(a) of present letter, 2(b) by 8(c), 2(c) by 7, 2(d) by 10 below.
9. Separate and subsequent instructions will be issued in implementation of the remaining parts of Instruction No 14 including the enforcement of the Windshield Label control scheme. Para 6 of the Instruction however is effective forthwith on taking of the Census. Please emphasize this to Commands and units.
10. Certain Italian Army vehicles not in present possession of Italian Army units will tend to escape the Census (though not the subsequent control scheme). Any information however, particularly lists of Registration Nos of such vehicles that can be readily collected by MMIA IOs should be forwarded. (This is known to apply particularly to Sicily, but may arise elsewhere also. MMIA IO Sicily please note Italian Army vehicles captured prior to the war and therefore

(j) For MIL. IO, Sicily. Your 994 of 11 Nov 44 in answer as follows:--
 your para 2(a) by 5(d) of present letter, 2(b) by 3(c), 2(c) by 7,
 2(d) by 10 below.

9. Separate and subsequent instructions will be issued in implementation of the remaining parts of Instruction No 14 including the enforcement of the Windshield Label control scheme. Para 6 of the instruction however is effective forthwith on taking of the Census. Please emphasise this to Command and units.
10. Certain Italian Army vehicles not in present possession of Italian Army units will tend to escape the Census (though not the subsequent control scheme). Any information however, particularly lists of Registration Nos of such vehicles that can be readily collected by MIA IOs should be forwarded. (This is known to apply particularly to Sicily, but may arise elsewhere also. MIL. IO Sicily please note Italian Army vehicles captured prior to the Armistice and now operated by IWT are not Italian Army property and therefore need not be reported. Any Italian Army vehicles handed over to or acquired by IWT or any other organization or individual subsequently to the Armistice are however probably Italian Army property and should therefore be reported if readily ascertainable.
11. Difficulties, uncertainties or problems of procedure that may arise reference this operation not foreseen and covered by Instruction No 14 and/or this letter should be referred by telephone or signal to this HQ.

12. ACK. by signal.

B. L. Percival.

B. L. PERCEVAL.
 Lt. Col. ADST.
 Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA).

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DADME MMIA, o/o L.O. Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA), Sardinia.

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SD 1849

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For MMIA LO SIMONS (.) Further to my SD 1839 of 24 Nov
 subject Light Mobile Workshops (.) ONE (.) Assemble one
 Lt Mob Wksp for shipment immediately destination 216
 Division (.) TWO (.) Assemble another Lt Mob Wksp
 earliest for CALABRIA Division Para 6 my letter AQ/5
 of 12 Nov refers (.) THREE (.) Remainder of vehicles and
 personnel being balance of original ten Lt Mob Wksps
 constituting Serial 84A List 7 will be absorbed by HALL
 in new 1 mobile park vide para 7 my letter AQ/5 of 12
 Nov (.) FOUR (.) Information re strengths called for
 second part my SD 1839 not now required (*) FIVE (*)
 AFHQ have placed units in para ONE at serial 84A i.e. next
 priority

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IMPORTANT

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Capt Fox

Subject: Italian Army Vehicles

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(H. M. I. A.)
R U M P
AQ/5

21 Nov 44.

A.M.G. Rear 8th Army

1. The Ministry of War reported to this HQ that the following three Italian Army vehicles:

Type	Veh. Number	Engine Number	Chassis Number
Fiat 626	RE 105465	328.012959	626.007552
Fiat 626	RE 5467	013079	007.661
Spa 38	RE 5469	021478	017104

which had been recovered and repaired by the Italian Army detachment "CARATTI", had been removed from RIETI to ANCONA, on instructions from AMI RIETI.

2. As this was contrary to all instructions concerning Italian Army material (RC & G letter 360 11/CA dated 10 August 1944 refers), HQ LAZIO Region were requested to arrange for the immediate return of the vehicles to the Italian Army through HQ 209 Div.

3. Copies of their reply together with that of the Provincial Commissioner RIETI are forwarded herewith. These are self explanatory and I should be grateful if you would investigate this matter, letting us have the results of your investigation in due course.

DSLS/wk

Major General,
H. M. I. A.

Copy to MHA LG Rear 8 Army

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LETTERS.

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MESSAGE FROM

FROM : 1281

TO : 1281

NO : 52 1281

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FOR 1281 IS (.) Subject to Italian law vehicles (.) You are to report 400 vehicles to arrive at 1281 from 1281 (.) 1281 of first shipment 1281 yet known (.) All vehicles that surviving will be reported to 1281 vehicle park to be organized and administered by Italian law authorities and their forces and forces (.) 1281 at 1281 to make arrangements with Italian authorities for establishment vehicle park and ensure adequate protective measures taken (.) Report receipts of vehicles to 1281 by 1281, other description and 1281 order (.) 1281 (.)

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SECRET

Subject: Supplies for GARIBALDI DIV

Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/6

16 Nov 44.

MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref your 304345/CA dated 12 Nov 44

1. It is regretted that there has been no change in the policy regarding the Supply of the GARIBALDI Division.
2. Immediately any change is made you will be advised but until then it is not possible to alter the present arrangements for supply to the GARIBALDI Division.

F. J. NOAKES, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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FOR SIMONS MMIA LO (.) REPORT SOONEST NUMBER
OF ABLE ARMoured CARRIERS BAKER ARMoured CARS
CHARLIE LIGHT TANKS EFFICIENT OR EASILY REPAIRABLE
AT PRESENT AVAILABLE IN SARDINIA

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