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Subject : - Arrangements In Connection With Allied Commission Motor Faculty

Mechanical School.

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 LIAISON FORCES SUP COIN A.C. (MIL)
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 Tel : 489061 Ext 526

To : - MINISTRY OF WAR.

Copies : Commanding Officer
 Allied Commission Motor Faculty (4 copies)
 U.T.A. Transport HQ Rome
 REFE INTA H (2 copies)
 ST INTA R (5 copies)

1 April 45

1. The present letter is to confirm arrangements at various recent meetings between C.O. Allied Commission Motor Faculty, officers of this HQ, officers of War Ministry and other interested parties.

2. The following are the arrangements which will be carried out:

- (a) Deposit to Ministry will transfer from Centro Studi Motorizzazioni to 2nd Dror Pala 20 Piazza Garibaldi V.le Monastena. This move will be completed not later than 1800 hrs 6 Apr 45. Transport has been detailed from 1 Bdeco. Trans. Corp reporting to Via Curtiicchio at 0800 hrs 5 Apr 45.
- (b) The rooms cross-hatched in blue pencil on attached plan of Centro Studi will NOT be taken over for the Mechanical School. The research activities and personnel of the Istituto Nazionale Motorizzatio will be confirmed to those rooms. The research personnel and activities must also adapt themselves on all points to combine with and assist in the operation of the Mechanical School.
- (c) Representative of Divisione Pergolese Automobilistica War Ministry and Officer Commanding Scuola Ciampoglini will reconnoitro on 5 Apr 45 the premises at 54 Vasca Navale San Paolo (tel 566177). These premises will be entirely vacated by Allied Commission Motor Faculty (prior to 1800 hrs 6 Apr 45. Scuola Ciampoglini will move into these premises on 7/8 Apr 45 in accordance with plan to be prepared as result of reconnoisance above instruction, Course No 3.

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(e) Representative of Divisione Ferrovie Autobilistiche War Ministry and Officer Commanding Scuola Ciampaglini will reconnoitre on 5 Apr 45 the premises at Via Vacca Navale San Paolo (tel 566177). These premises will be entirely vacated by Allied Corunision Motor Brigade (American and Italian personnel) not later than 1000 hrs 6 Apr 45. Scuola Ciampaglini will move into these premises on 7/8 Apr 45 in accordance with plan to be prepared as result of reconnoissance above instructed. Course No 3 of Scuola Ciampaglini will be carried on to completion in the new premises. Those parts of the premises not required for purposes of the Scuola Ciampaglini will be reserved for other I.M.I. ITI activities as may be subsequently decided.

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(a) As soon as Scuola Ciampaglini has vacated its existing premises, those will be taken over (under direction I.M.I. Transport No Rome) by 1 Regtars Unit and/or Lavorazione Centrale Parti Meccanico. By this action 1 Regtars Unit will be enabled to vacate the premises which it now occupies at Centro Studi Motorizzazione. The right is reserved for I.M.I. Transport 10 Regtars to remove from Centro Studi Motorizzazione any items of plant equipment which cannot eventually be obtained from other sources, and which are urgently needed for the repair of Italian Army vehicles by 1 Regtars Unit. Such removal of plant will however be negotiated with C.O. Motor Brigade Group or his representative before it is initiated.

(c) As soon as all other parties (except the research personnel) have vacated Centro Studi, the whole of the installation will be at disposal of Motor Vehicle Mechanical School excluding the areas cross-hatched in blue on the attached plan.

(x) Tri. Col. DONATI, Vescovio di Foss, and Capitano..... together with other ranks (ITI-ITI) not to exceed seven in number will be posted with I.M.I. Administration (Rue des Administrations ITI-ITI).

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Their immediate functions will be to represent the Ministry. In reference to the protection and welfare of the Centro Studi promises, and to assist the United Nations representatives as the latter may direct in the conduct of the Mechanical School particularly on the administrative side. As a factor here, if Motor Brigade ALCOM is concerned, this Administrative Bureau may be developed into an I.M.I.-ALCOM committee and permanent staff for the Mechanical School. Formal notification of the organisation of this unit and eventual adjustment to bring it within the approved criteria for Category 1(e) will be communicated to you subsequently. Meanwhile temporary is given for No 1 R & D Unit to draw the additional resources necessary for the 10 individuals referred to above.

- Two consider its belief that the use of the Centro Studi Motorizzazione for this purpose and the speed with which the arrangements are being urged through have not been decided in disregard of the arguments in the opposite previous history of the Centro Studi and its function as they conceive it. The present difficulties have however been determined in the light of:-
 - (a) the paramount urgency of completing the organisation of the ALCOM transport schools for Northern Italy.
 - (b) the probability that the Mechanical School to be created for this purpose will be capable of useful contribution and development by the Italian Army subsequently.
- With these objectives in view you are requested to issue prompt cancellation by all concerned with the present instructions.

(S.J.NOVES)
Colonel,
for Major General,

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Subject: M.T. in SARDINIA.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
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4 April 1945

To: AFHQ for G. A.
AFHQ for Q(Maint).

Copy to: Air Force Sub Comm. A.C.

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Reference is made to AFHQ letter VHQ/3218/Q(AB) of 6 Mar 45.

1. The loan of the 85 vehs from Italian Army Sources to the R.A.F. to complete the 100 vehs is now on the point of completion.
2. A report has been received from Major C. A. HALL, D.A.D.M.S. M.M.I.A. dated 27 Mar 45 and is attached for information.
3. In view of this report instructions have been issued to Major Hall that the maintenance of the 100 trucks is an I.A.F. responsibility.
4. Considering the small number of personnel of the Italian Air Force in SARDINIA, it appears that the assistance being given the Allies is not in proportion to the resources available. The supply and maintenance of vehicles needed by the R.A.F. should be an Italian Air Force, not Army, responsibility, and the Italian Army vehicles should be released from this commitment as soon as possible.
5. I am suggesting to the Air Force Sub Commission that an Allied Air Force Officer checks up on this report in Sardinia. I can make Major Hall available to give any assistance as may be required.

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Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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C O P Y

27 Mar 1945

I have had opportunity to investigate the position of vehicles and workshops in the I.A.F. here and for information report the following which, except where mentioned differently, I have seen myself:-

700 vehicles of various types in vehicle dumps of which it is estimated 150 serviceable could be produced in two months with existing I.A.F. workshop and stores on the site:

Estimated 200-300 vehicles at present on Island in serviceable condition and of various types.

Stores contains about 30-400 tons of very useful spares for various types.

Tyres: 200-300 tyres, 400-500 tubes, in serviceable condition many new and almost new.

Paint - large quantity of various colours, principally green.

It is believed that there are about 2500 I.A.F. personnel in the Island but am not able to verify this figure.

The present workshop at this site, Montessuoto by Cagliari, has about 100 men of which about 50 are specialists and it is supplemented by 20-30 civilian specialists. It is believed that of the I.A.F. personnel on the Island further specialists could be found.

Vehicles for repair are being handed out to civil enterprise and I am informed that the similar style of racket as on the Mainland is operating i.e. giving four or five vehicles in payment for the repair of two or three. But I have not been able to get any definite proof of this yet.

Will you please consider this part referring to I.A.F. transport, workshop, spare part and tyre position in Sardinia with a view to the possible relief of the Italian Military vehicle and spare supply to the R.A.F. at the Airport here.

Incidentally paint is very urgently required in the workshops at Abbasanta and would be grateful to get the opportunity to get supplies from the I.A.F. here.

Sgd. C.A. HALL, Major
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C O P Y

Subject: Workshops and Transport in Sardinia.

27th March 1945

To: Commanding General, MIA.

From: Major C. A. KALL, D.A.D.M.C.

I am showing Major Austin the organisation here and expect to return to Rome next week.

Have arranged to finish programme of 85 vehicles for R.A.F. at the airport here by the end of this month. The R.A.F. are now asking for supply of tyres and spares and while I am assisting as far as possible I have recommended them to arrange their own supplies as I am almost out of tyres but can arrange spare parts from the cemetery of old vehicles.

My Shipping programme is in detail with L.C. here and is as follows:-

Period 1st April - 16 Mar.

Tanks approx 120 } total approx 270 - 300
Vehicles approx 150 }

1st half of 1st Mobile Park - 75 vehicles.

Vehicles for Rome workshops and Termi - 7.

Recovery Section of 1st Mobile Park - 17 vehicles.

Spares - 150 tons (1500 cases)

Grand total about 400.

In view of the park's being very thin of useful vehicles for repair and the growing situation on the mainland I have arranged

1. To send recovery section to Naples area to clean up all the dumps there and prepare for the 1st half of the 1st Mobile Park to operate and after to feed Termi with vehicles for repair.
2. To split the Mobile Park into two self contained sections to ease movement and commence operations on mainland while tailing off here. May be nice to work these two sections always separate and have two mobile parks No. 1 & 2 especially in view of future commitments in North of Italy.
3. To remove engine repair section from mobile park and send to engine workshop in Rome to help build up engine stock in central stores and eventually work on replacement unit by item.

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- b. Send small mobile crane to Terni to assist in clearing this workshop area of engineer material.

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(Sgd) G.A. Hill, Major.

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FROM: MMIA

TO : (FOR ACTION) MMIA LO SARDINA

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

SUBJECT IS ITALIAN ARMY STAFF CARS (.) FIRST (.) MAJOR HALL STATED THAT HE HAD AVAILABLE ITALIAN ARMY OWNED REPEAT OWNED, NOT REPEAT NOT REQUISITIONED STAFF CARS WHICH COULD BE MADE SERVICEABLE BY SUPPLYING TIRES (.) NOW UNDERSTAND FROM MAJOR MARTIN THAT THE STAFF CARS MAJOR HALL HAS ARE NOT ARMY OWNED STAFF CARS BUT ARE CARS WHICH HAVE BEEN REQUISITIONED BY THE ITALIAN ARMY FOR THE USE OF ALLIED GARRISON AND ALCOV AND HAD BEEN RETURNED TO THE ITALIAN ARMY WHEN ALLIED GARRISON AND ALCOV LEFT THE ISLAND (.) SECOND (.) WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN CARS REQUISITIONED FROM CIVILIANS AND THE ITALIAN ARMY SHOULD RETURN SUCH VEHICLES TO THE CIVILIANS AND DEREQUISITION THEM (.) NO SUCH VEHICLES WILL BE SHIPPED TO MAINLAND (.) THIRD (.) IF SOME ITALIAN OWNED STAFF CARS ARE AVAILABLE AND CAN BE MADE SERVICEABLE WE WANT THEM SHIPPED TO MAINLAND WHEN CONVENIENT (.)

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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AUTHENTICATION

C. P. KERR, Col

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TRANSLATION.

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MMIA.

Act; Assignments of Transport.

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Ref: 10178

30/3/45

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Ref letter 2 Mar.

- 1) This Ministry will forward to you as soon as possible a return of vehicles held as unfit for satisfactory service with the army in order that your representatives may inspect them.
- 2) In view of the particular urgency of the matter, we inform you of the request made by the patriotic Group "Monte Circeo" who have founded an agricultural Cooperative,) for the grant of a tank of "Matilda" type, at the moment located at the Stabil M.T. Centre, (Viale Pinturicchio No 21, for transformation of same into an Agricultural tractor.
- 3) According to technical advice, the said vehicle rendered lighter by the removal of the superstructure, and one motor, would serve the purpose.
- 4) Considering the merit of the applicants, and in order to enable them to carry out their work, ~~xxxxx~~ this Ministry submits the question to the MMIA for their consideration, so that decisions referred to in a/n letter can be taken.

For the Minister.
(P.G. Proverzj)

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~~Handwritten signature~~
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In hand.
by MR. COINT
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TRANSLATION.

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FROM: S.M.R.D.

REF: O/474/SERV.

TO: ...I.M.

DATE: 30 March 1945

SUBJECT: Military Vehicles in Calabria

We forward:-

- a) - list of serviceable vehicles retained in Calabria, showing the unit and location;
- b) - list of vehicles on issue to 294 M.I. Unit, working for the Allies;
- c) - list of unserviceable vehicles remaining in Calabria.

This S.M., with the telegram a copy of which we enclose, has ordered the dispatch of the larger part of the serviceable vehicles to S.Servizi di Civitavecchia, present location of the forming up 1st. Military Territorial H.Q., limiting the needs of Calabria to those strictly essential.

S.M. LIUZAI
Gen.

TRANSLATE CPL.

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Subject:- Transport for Carabinieri.

Lend Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
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Q/S

30 March 45.

Public Safety Sub-Commission A.C.

1. reference your SD/14153/P of 21 Mar/45.
2. The provision of transport for Carabinieri from Italian Army Vehicles can only be made at the expense of military Units many of whom are much below their authorized "..."
3. The figures in App."A" to your letter under reply do not agree with our records. While every no instance will be given when resources permit it is requested m/c and lorries can not at present be supplied.
4. To enable an accurate estimate of the problem you are requested to submit as soon as possible a return on the proposals at App."A" to this letter.
5. As an immediate palliative you are invited to inspect an Army Service car which can be seen at No.1 Repair Unit base. These vehicles can take 6 men, are fast and powerful, but have a heavy petrol consumption. This will not be a serious objection if, as is presumed, they are needed only in emergency to rush squads to the scene of a disturbance. 50 of these can be made available in the immediate future if you so desire.

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Shawham Maj
P.T.O. MARTIN, Major
for Major General,
M.I.

Copy to:- G (for SD/141).

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See ② file 8/57

<u>LEGION</u>	<u>U.S.</u>		<u>CARS</u>		<u>U.S.</u>	<u>CARS</u>	
	Efficient in possession	Repairable in possession	(2)	(3)		(5)	Efficient in possession
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		

NOTE: (a) Figures in columns (2)(5) and (6) to be minimum essential.
(b) Show in column (4) all inefficient vehicles on charge and

Appendix "A" to Q/S dated 30 Mar/45.

Repairable in possession (4)	<u>CARS</u>			<u>LOAD CARRIERS</u>		
	W.E. (5)	Efficient in possession (6)	Repairable in possession (7)	W.E. (8)	Efficient in possession (9)	Repairable in possession (10)

and (8) to be minimum essential to Legion concerned.
efficient vehicles on charge and awaiting repair.

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Subject : Provision transport Italian Mobile Dental Centres.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.L.A.)

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26 March 45

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1. Under War establishment QH/573/L, Field Surgical Units are entitled to transport from British sources. It is understood in the case of the GRENOVA, LEGHANT and POLGORE Groups that Italian vehicles are in charge of these Units. It is requested that action may be taken to release these vehicles as soon as possible as they are required for conversion prior to the issue to Mobile Dental Centres now being formed.

2. The vehicles in question have box type body and should, when available, be returned to No 1 Repair and Recovery Unit, Rome.

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R.A. CURTIS, L.Cpl,
for Major General,
M.M.L.A.

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Copy to : M.M.L.A. HQ, Rear Eighth Army,
" " Fifth Army,
Medical Dept R.A.F.

See folio

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Subject :- Transport - Control of Tyres and Tires.

Q/S

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C. (LFLA)
R.O.E
Tel : 489081 Ext 526

22 March 45

To : - WAR MINISTRY (To issue instructions to all Repair Units)
(see also distribution below)

1. RECORDS.

The stock figures as taken from the census of the 5th Feb 45 will form the basis on which future distribution will be made.
The following returns are required:

(a) On the first of each month, commencing 1st April, each Repair & Recovery Unit will submit to the War Ministry, Div. Technical Motorization, in duplicate a stock sheet as at APPX "A". One copy will be forwarded by the War Ministry to LFLA as soon as received.

(b) A statement of receipts and issues during the previous week as at APPX "B" will be submitted in duplicate by each Repair and Recovery Unit, to the War Ministry, not later than the Monday following the week in question. This statement will be accompanied by one copy of each release order, APPX "C". One copy of this statement with the release orders will be forwarded immediately by the War Ministry to LFLA.

2. ISSUES.

Tyres and Tires will be released by the Os C. Repair and Recovery Units, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The vehicle is on the authorised establishment of an Italian Army Unit and in a sound mechanical condition. Issue may also be made to a vehicle which is ready for transfer to an Agent Vehicle Park, mechanical repair having been completed.
- (b) The authority of LFLA to has been obtained on the relevant order is at APPX "C". This order will normally be signed by LFLA Transport Liaison Officer but may in emergency be signed by any Transport Unit being transported by R. & R. Unit concerned.

2. ISSUES.

Tires and tubes will be released by the On C. Repair and Recovery Units, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The vehicle is or the authorised establishment of an Italian Army Unit and in a sound mechanical condition. Issue may also be made to a vehicle which is ready for transfer to an Efficient Vehicle Park, mechanical repair having been completed.
- (b) The authority of M.T.A. LO has been obtained or the release order as at Annex "C". This order will normally be signed by Transport Liaison Officer but may in emergency be signed by any other M.T.A. LO when requested by R. & N. Unit concerned.
- (c) Tires will normally be fitted by R. & N. Units concerned.
- (d) No tyre or tube will be issued unless the Workshops Officer is satisfied that the replacement is needed. The old cover or tube will invariably be retained by the R. & N. Unit from which this replacement is obtained.

3. RECEIPTS.

Tires and Tubes recovered as under will be shown on the receipt side of the weekly return (Annex "B").

- (a) Those removed from Class 4 vehicles in inefficient vehicle dump...../2.

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(b) Those removed from vehicles to which replacement have been issued.

(c) Tyres received from other sources.

4. TRANSFER OF STOCKS.

Demands for tyres and tubes may be submitted by R. & R. Units to War Ministry as necessary. War Ministry will apply to MTA for authority to transfer the necessary stores from one store to another. Such authorisation will be given on Pro-forma et Annex "D".

Major General
P.M. Gopalakrishnan
D.S. QM
Land Forces Sub Commission AG
(M.M.I.A.)

Distribution :-

MTA Senior LO, Madras	" Transport LO, Madras
" Senior LO, Baroda	" Transport LO, Baroda
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" " Sicily	" " Sicily
" " Serbia	" " Serbia
" Transport LO, Sardinia	" Transport LO, Sardinia
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NAME OF REPAIRS UNIT Appx "A".

STOCK OF TIRES & TUBES AS AT 1st of

SIZE	NEW		PART WORN		REPAIRABLE		REMARKS
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RELEASE ORDER FOR TIRES AND TUBES FROM LOCAL SOURCES: Appx "C".

Form Number

Unit Holding Vehicle on Charge.	Make & Type of Vehicle	Targa Number	Size	Quantity required			
				New		Part worn	
				Covers	Tubes	Covers	Tubes

DATE

..... OC RELEASE UNIT.

The release of above tyres to vehicles as stated is authorized.

Signature
Name (block letters) *G. J. A.*
ISLA Liaison Officer

NOTE : To be completed in duplicate by the R. & R. Unit.

ORIGINAL : To be held by R & R Unit

DUPLICATE : To accompany weekly return of receipts & issues to War Minic'

MMIA AUTHORITY FOR TRANSFER OF STOCKS OF TYRES & TUBES. APPX "D".

REFERENCE NUMBER

To :- Div. Tec. Motorizzazioni
Ministry of War.

Authority is given for the following tyres & tubes to be transferred:

From
To

Method of transfer

Q U A N T I T Y

SIZE	Q U A N T I T Y					
	Now		Part Worn		Repairable	
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Date

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6 Copies to be distributed as follow:

By Ministry of War To Repairs Unit Issuing
To Repairs Unit Receiving
FileBy HQ MMIA : To MMIA Transport L.O. at issuing Repairs Unit
MMIA Transport L.O. at receiving Repairs Unit
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Land Forces Sub Comme A.G.
 (M. M. I. A.) 10 M.Y.
 Q/S

22 Mar 45.

M.G.A. I.O. 1 District

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Reference your letter L/7/Q6 dated 16 Mar 45 and signal 423 dated 17 Mar 45.

1. This HQ's letter Q/S dated 16 Mar 45 addressed to the Ministry of War, copy to you, outlines the future policy for the maintenance organisation of Italian Army vech. Owing to the fact that there are not sufficient Repair Units available for one to be allocated to each of the Divs separately it has been found necessary for them to be located in the most central position possible as regards the units they have to serve. It is regretted therefore, that it will not be possible for the 38 Officina Mobile Pesante to remain at Macerata. The 209 Div will be based, therefore, on the Florence Det of No. 1 Repairs Unit. *inform*

2. Much of the work previously carried out at Macerata will be taken in hand at the heavy repair shop now opening at Terni.

3. Every endeavour is being made to increase the output of "runners" which will be held at the Efficient Veh Park ROME. It is realised that the vehicles at present in use are in many cases beyond local repair and it is anticipated that many will have to be exchanged.

4. It is suggested an MT rep from 209 Div be sent to contact No. 1 R & R Unit Rome when the Transport I.O. now affiliated to that unit will explain the position more fully. /336/1

5. A copy of your LO/Q6 of 8 Mar 45 is being sent to this office.

6. Regarding para 6 of your letter, arrangements are being made by HQ this HQ with the Ministry of War for the 38 Officina Mobile Pesante to draw its rations from the DID at Florence.

R. A. CURTIS, Lt Col
 for Col, QA & QMG, 7742
 M. M. I. A.

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Copy to ST M.G.A.) (2 copies)
 Capt Damer) together with 1 District LO/Q6 of 8 Mar 45.
 1 District

FILE 215
C-59

Subject: Recovery of Motor Transport Material

LAND FORCES
SAC, COMINTAG, 10 (11)

None

20 March 1945

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Mr. Count Casati
Minister for War

of your message of 16 March 45 subject as above
RECOVERY OF MOTOR TRANSPORT -

1. The entire Italian Army and all of its resources are subject to the orders of the Supreme Allied Commander. The resources of the Italian Army divisional include all motor transport materials available in Italy which belong to the Italian Army or which may be recovered for the Italian Army as the enemy cannot never withdraw. This has been explained and discussed in a large number of communications to the Minister for War and especially in Administrative Memorandum No. 10 of 17 October 1944, in which the statement is made that he is responsible for the general supervision, maintenance, use, and manner of operation of all Italian military transport, except in the combat zone. Therefore, agreements and contracts should have been entered into by any Italian authority, relating to any project and any such agreements, contracts or bonds have no force nor effect. It is known that some Italian Army property has been turned over to civilians by all of at least under contracts or agreements, but any such contracts or agreements are also without force or effect.

2. The Italian Government is responsible to civilians for such contracts as it has been with civilians regarding Italian Army property, but is not responsible for contracts made by allied officers with civilians. It is again reiterated that contracts made by Italian authorities with civilians were not authorized and cannot now be confirmed, so any careful reparation which will result from a return of these vehicles to the Italian Army can only be traced directly to the failure to follow written instructions.

3. The Italian Army must depend on self-support in as possible on its own resources. All material and equipment available to the Italian Army must be utilized for the Italian Army in order to release allied equipment. For a period of time, allied motor transport has been loaned to the Italian Army for various purposes. I want reiterate that the allied governments will not continue to loan allied motor transport to the Italian

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1. Any time the Italian Army has already located some of its available transport to civilians, the means of transport necessary for reconstruction of Italy and the feeding of the population is a civil matter and has been adequately dealt with by the Allied Governments, and where necessary, Allied motor transport is used to supplement the allied transport already given to Italy for civilian needs and the Italian civil transport. Therefore, all of the motor transport equipment belonging to the Italian Army must, without exception, be returned to Italian Army control.
2. As the Italian motor transport is returned to Italian Army control, it will be disposed of as follows:
- a. Inactivation for military use.
 - b. Rehabilitation to serviceable condition under military vehicles.
3. Under certain conditions, a part of the Italian Army motor transport may, under direction of HQ, be used to transport civil supplies, and for this purpose it is believed that additional motor transport crews will be organized. These are to be operated by Italian units or under military control and will be allotted for handling civil supplies where it is shown that the available civil transport is not sufficient. Therefore, no harm can come to the population of Italy by permitting these vehicles to Italian Army control. In the future, the Italian Army can render greater service to the Italian people by operating and maintaining these vehicles than can the civil contractors now doing this work by using Army vehicles.
4. In certain cases some of the recovered vehicles will be condemned and not suitable for military use. The condemned vehicles or parts may be or become suitable for military use. In these cases, each of these vehicles, complete, or parts, having been brought under military control, will be submitted for inspection of an officer of this organization, who will determine whether or not they have an intrinsic military value; and where this is determined, the War Ministry will be given authority, in writing, to dispose of the vehicle as it deems fit.
5. Take this opportunity to remind you that the question of Italian motor transport has been thoroughly discussed by the Supreme Allied Commander, and additional Allied personnel has been派往 to assist in the complete reorganization of the Italian Army.

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motor transport system. Also, I am sure you realize that the Allied Governments have expended a large amount of money and effort on the repair of Italian Army motor transport in Sicily and the transportation to the mainland and on the reorganization of the Italian Army motor transport system. Therefore, there can be no further question about placing under immediate control, all available Italian Army transport; and I anticipate your whole-hearted cooperation, as well as the cooperation of all of your officers to the end that the Italian Army may become self-sufficient in motor transport, and the allied transport now being used by or loaned to the Italian Army may be withdrawn.

Major General
James V. Pease
GND Commandant, AC (USA)

CRM/14X

cc: DIA 27/1108

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Subject : Transport - Release of serviceable vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O R S
Q/S —

20 March 45.

Ministry of War

— 357/1

Ref : Your 5415/OX806, dated 5th of March.

1. As you are aware everything possible is being made at present to improve the condition of the Italian Army transport.

2. Any vehicle which is repairable is required by the Italian Army. Any spare parts which would enable a vehicle to be repaired are required by the Italian Army. No vehicle therefore likely to be of use to the individual referred to in your letter will be released. Should any of the applicants declare the ownership of the repaired machinery and spare parts, note should be taken in order that they may be requisitioned if necessary for the use of the Italian Army.

3. The solution to the admitted problem of relieving the present distress among the civil population is to make the Italian Army complete in transport and thus enable vehicles surplus to the Army requirements to be disposed of in the manner suggested. Urgent needs such as the distribution of food will be made in the manner already authorized by the loan to Allied Commission of the Italian special MF Companies now in process of formation.

R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to S.T.

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Translation

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To : M of W
 To : MMIA

Ref. No. 5415/01806

Date : March 5, 1945

Subject : Request for unserviceable motor transport from public bodies.

This Ministry is receiving requests from public bodies, welfare and charitable institutions, for the allotment of unserviceable motor transport which is to be rebuilt and used for strictly relief purposes.

The requests ~~area~~ ^{area} from the necessity of feeding the population (Firms and Orbitell Commissaries) or providing relief for inmates of charitable institutions and orphan asylums, as well as meeting the more urgent public needs, such as transport of fuel, garbage removal, burials, etc.

Since these requests are entirely ~~beyond~~ ^{beyond} any speculative purposes, and are intended solely to relieve distressing conditions among the civilian population, your Sub-Commission is kindly requested - in view of the highly philanthropic nature of the matter - to authorize this Ministry to release unserviceable motor transport to the institutions in question, against payment.

Such wrecks would be selected from among vehicles in the wrecked vehicle parks the repair of which is not deemed expedient by military authorities.

Signed : Undersecretary of State

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(Subject : Transport Loan to Italian Air Force.)

Land Forces Sub Comma.A.C.

(M.M.L.A.)

R O M S

O/S —

March 45.

Communications Sub Comma.

I. Your request for one lorry to be made available for the Regia Aeronautica Signal Company for line maintenance in Sardinia has been referred to the R.A.F. Sub Comma.

2. All available Army vehicles are in use earmarked for a specific purpose, including the loan of 100 vehicles to the R.A.F. for construction work at Alnas.

3. It is understood however that the necessary transport will be provided by the R.A.F. from their resources or those of the Italian Air Force.

R.A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M.M.L.A.

Air Forces
Copy to : [REDACTED] Sub Commission,
for attention S/Ldr BRADSHAW,
your T 3 48 68, of 14th of March refers.

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Subject:- Procedure For Release Of Vehicles From ITI-ITI Efficient Vehicle Parks.

Q/5**17 Mar 45**

LAND FORCES SUB COMD A.C. (MTIA)

HQ.D

Tel : 480081EXT 526

To :- S.M.R.E., Ufficio Servizi.
(see also distribution below)

1. Nos 1, 2, 3, Efficient Vehicle Parks (ITI-ITI) have now been established at Rome, Naples, Bari respectively.
2. Wef date of this letter the following procedure will govern the release of vehicles from these Parks to ITI-ITI units, US-ITI units, M-ITI units (as may from time to time be decided):
 - (a) Q 2 MTIA HQ will authorise releases and will instruct ST MTIA HQ accordingly.
 - (b) ST MTIA HQ will prepare necessary number of copies of Appendix "A" (seven copies always, plus copies as necessary for MTIA LOS interested).
 - (c) ST MTIA will also prepare necessary number of Windshield Certificates (entering only Certificate N°, name of Receiving Unit, and signing the Certificate).
 - (d) ST MTIA HQ will then send (b) and (c) to Ufficio Servizi S.M.R.E.
 - (e) Ufficio Servizi S.M.R.E. will distribute the various copies of Appendix "A" as indicated at the foot of the proforma.
 - (f) E.V.P. and Receiving Unit will respectively act as instructed by Appendix "A", and on completion E.V.P.

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- 3. Each Park will have own numerical serial of Release Orders, the respective series being distinguished by the prefixes A/, B/, C/, D/, E/, F/, G/, H/, I/, J/, K/, L/, M/, N/, O/, P/, Q/, R/, S/, T/, U/, V/, W/, X/, Y/, Z/ for Rome, Naples, Bari respectively.
- 4. Wef date of this letter, Italian Officers Commanding Efficient Vehicle Parks will be instructed that under no circumstances will they allow any efficient vehicle to pass out of their Park unless they have received the relative ITIA Vehicle Release Order in writing from Ufficio Servizi S.M.R.E.
- 5. Vehicles on the Park which for any reason go inefficient will be turned over to appropriate Repairs Unit at discretion of Park Commanding Officer.
- 6. Each E.V. Park will report daily to Ufficio Servizi S.M.R.E. (by telephone or teleprinter) the total number of efficient vehicles of each type on hand (Motorcycles, Staff Cars, Loadcarriers, Ambulances, Tractors, Trailers etc). Such reports of vehicles On Hand will exclude any vehicles earmarked against Release Orders already received,

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and the report will quote the latest number Release Order in possession of the Park. If by chance any serial number preceding the latest number received has not been received by the Park, this fact will be stated e.g. Vehicles On Hand 2 Z.V.P. Naples 1800 hrs 31 March 45 stop Motorcycles 10, Staff Cars NIL, Loadcarriers 20, Workshop Lorries 3 latest Release Order Received N/33 Not Received N/30 N/31.

6. Each E.V. Park will also furnish weekly to Ufficio Servizi S.M.R.E. a detailed Vehicle Movements Report, which will be the subject of later instructions.
7. The issue of Windshield Certificates to Italian Army Vehicles already in possession of ITI-ITI, US-ITI, BR-ITI units and duly authorised will be the subject of separate instructions.
8. No 5 Efficient Vehicle Park Cagliari will not at present come within the scope of these instructions, since vehicles are cleared from that Park by process of shipment. N° 4 S.V.P. is not yet implemented.

R. M. G. M. L.
R. M. G. M. L.
Colonel,
DA and QMG.

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" Transport LO Naples)
" Senior LO Isari) for Action
" Transport LO Pari)
" Transport LO Rome)

ARMED FORCES
DA and QMG.

Distribution:

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"	Transport LO Naples) For Action
"	Senior LO Bari)
"	Transport LO Bari)
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"	" " " Brit Incr)
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"	" Sicily)
"	" Sardinia)

ST/MTA HQ (5 copies: Titles ST/1101-2-3-4-5).
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APPENDIX A to MCAA LetterQ/5 of 17 March 45.

MCAA Vehicle Release Order
MCAA Orders per Assegnazione Veicoli

To) Ufficio Servizi
S.M.

MCAA VR Order No
MCAA Orline No di Serie.....

Please issue necessary instructions for the release to
Progesi dare i dispacciamenti occorrenti per l'assegnazione al.....

of the following vehicles from the next availability of
di seguenti veicoli sulla disponibilità dal.....

EVP
PVE.....

Attached are Windshield Certificates MCS
Sono state allegate Etichette No.....

to inclusive, which
..... complessivamente, le quale

will be entered with vehicle Registration Nos and date, and affixed to
saranno inserite con i relativi numeri di Targa e con la data, o saranno attaccate ai

vehicles by Ufficio Comandante EVP before the vehicles leave the Park.
veicoli a cura dell'Ufficiale Comandante PVE, prima che i veicoli escono del Parco.

If any of these Windshield Certificates are not used, it will be the responsibility of
Se alcuno di queste Etichette non saranno utilizzate, sarà la responsabilità del

C.C. EVP to return them to SVE attached to returned copies of this
U.C. PVE restituire le Etichette esuberanti al SVE allegando le altre copie di questo
proforma,
modello rimanente.

For Release Da Asseggiare	Type Materiale	Type Motocicli	Released as per Reverse @ Assommati vede inverso @
	Staff Cars	Automobili	
	Lodgers	Autocarri	

O.C. EVP to return them to SIRE attached to returned copies of this
U.C. FVE restituire le Etichetto esuberante al SIRE allegando le allo copie di questo
proforma,
modello rimandate.

For Release In Absentia	Type	Tipo	Released as per Reverse @ Assommati vede inverso @
	Motorcycles	Motocicli	
	Staff Cars	Autovetture	
	Locomotives	Autotreni	

Receiving Unit responsible for collection of vehicles.

Unitamento dell'UNICOLI a circa dell'operto ricevente.

- Date..... Data..... AIST.
- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MTIA).
- 1st Copy to MTIA SIRE ST/ 1/34
1a Copia al archivio MTIA ST/ 1/34
- 2nd Copy to MTIA SIRE ST/ 1/34
2a Copia al archivio MTIA ST/ 1/34
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3a Copia al Ufficio Servizi SIRE chi tratterà
- 4th Copy to Ufficio Servizi SIRE who will pass it to receiving unit
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- 5th Copy to Ufficio Servizi SIRE who will pass these three copies to EVP concerned.
5a Copia al Ufficio Servizi SIRE chi passerà queste tre copie al FVE interessato.
- 6th Copy The Park will complete the three copies, will retain one, will forward two to
6a Copia al FVE compiendo le tre copie, tratterà una, rimanderà due al
- 7th Copy Ufficio Servizi SIRE who will pass one to MTIA HQ.
7a Copia al Ufficio Servizi SIRE chi passerà una al Comando MTIA.
- Other copies as necessary to MTIA HQ distributed.
- Altre copie sono necessarie al Ufficio Collegamento MTIA eventualmente interessati.

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To be sold by the
Day Society, Cambridge, 1871.

In current literature there is no article which gives a detailed account of the history of the Order in Syria. The only article which gives some information is that by Dr. G. E. H. Palmer in the *Archaeological Review*, Vol. 10, p. 120, 1873.

The following vehicles were collected by the segmental auctioneer getting settled into his new office.

Wavelengths, intensities were apportioned as indicated below on date in 1964. 46 total scans were initially scanned to bottom.

Type/Model	Organization No.	Windshield Certificate No.
MG Midget	100-100000	100-100000
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Signed
Fernando

Officer Commanding
Official Commandant, P.D.P.C. - P.D.P.C. - P.D.P.C. - P.D.P.C.

Countersigned
Comte fortissimo, C. de la guerre, C. de la guerre, C. de la guerre

Representative of Unit Purchasing Vehicles
Representative Reporte Mecanico

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Object: Maintenance Organisation for Italian Army Vehicles
In possession of US-ITI and ITALIAN UNITS.

Q/S

16 Mar 42

LAND FORCES SIND COMM A.C. (MIA)

NOTE
Tel: 400001 Ext 226

To : MINISTRY OF WAR (for transmission to Admin Div HQ concerned)

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 54 Area (for 230 Division)
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 MIA Transport LOS Roma - Naples/Bari - Termoli/Mesagne - Sardinia

1. Appendix A shows present position reference workshops affiliations for Italian Army vehicles in possession of US-ITI and IT-ITI service units.
2. Vehicles in need of repair work, spare parts, tyres will be presented by units concerned to Repairs Units for examination, as indicated in Appendix (notifying Adm Div HQ concerned for information). If the individual unit is unable to effect physical delivery of the vehicle, Repairs Unit concerned will be notified, and will arrange for its Recovery Section to collect the vehicle.
3. Spare parts will not be issued to units. Vehicles in need of parts will be required to pass into possession of Repairs Units as indicated for examination. Demand for supply of Spare Parts from Central MTSO Roma will be transmitted and executed solely through Repairs Unit channels.
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4. Tyres will not be issued to units. Vehicles in need of tyres will be required to pass into possession of Repairs Units for examination. Release from local availability of Repairs Unit concerned may take place by authorisation of any MIA local representative. If sizes required are not available locally, the demand will be countersigned by MIA representative and referred by Repairs Unit concerned to Divisione Tecnica Motorizzazioni, War Ministry, who will refer to MIA HQ.
5. Workshops officers of Light Workshops and of 1,2,3 ITI-ITI Repairing Units are the sole authorities empowered to decide whether a vehicle presented to them can be accepted for repair remaining on unit charge, or whether it must be struck off unit charge. In the latter case Repairs Units will in every instance issue receipt for the vehicle to the unit concerned, who will demand for replacement (through the relative Adm Div HQ) on Ufficio Servizi SITE. First echelon Workshops where they exist are responsible for accepting vehicles requiring repairs beyond their own capacity and passing back such vehicles to next higher Workshop.
6. Establishment of 1 Repairs Unit, Florence Detachment will take place in the near future by means of the transfer of the ITI-ITI Repairs Unit at present operating at Incoronate.

Alfumeto h/w
Colonel.
D&QMG.
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA).

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Workshops Affiliation For Italian Army Vehicles In Possession of BR-IT

<u>Administrative Division HQ and Constituent Units</u>	<u>First Echelon Service</u>	<u>Higher Echelon Service</u>
209 Division	None at present	1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI)
237 Division	None at present	2 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI)
228 Division	Light Workshop to be provided shortly.	1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI)
230 Division	None at present	3 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI)
231 Division	None at present	1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI)
210 Division	100 Light Workshop Florence	
212 Division	Light Workshop(s) already in possession of Division	1 Repairs Unit Rome (ITI- or 2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI- (according to location or 212 Unit interests)
205 Division	Light Workshop(s) already in possession of Division.	2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI- or 2 Repairs Unit Bari (ITI- (according to location or interes

Italian Army Vehicles In Possession of IR-ITI and US-ITI UnitsAPPENDIX A

<u>Higher Echelon Service</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detachment			1,2,3 ITI-ITI Repairs Units are authorised to indent for spares not in their own possession on ITI-ITI Central MTSO Zone (passing demand through the relative Directorate of Repairs)
2 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Agnano Naples			
1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detachment			
3 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Caserma VE Bari			
1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detachment			1,2,3 ITI-ITI Repairs Units are authorised to apply to Divisione Tecnica Motorizzazione, War Ministry for tyre sizes not in their own possession (passing demand through the relative Directorate of Repairs). War Ministry will refer to MIA HQ all such requests.
1 Repairs Unit Rome (ITI-ITI) or 2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI-ITI) (according to location of 212 Unit interested)			
2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI-ITI) or 2 Repairs Unit Bari (ITI-ITI) (according to location of 205 Unit interested)			

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Subject: Italian Vehicle Tpt.

Q/S. Liaison Officer,
 Land Forces Sub Com.
 A.C. (MIA)
 c/o HQ., I District.
 Ref LO/QS

March 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
 N. P. I. A. R. O. F. E.

1. I am informed that the wksps, 38 Officina Mobile Pessante located at MADERATA will become a detachment of I Repair Unit, ROME.

2. According to para 3 of Q/S of 14 March, this det will be moving from MADERATA to FLORENCE.

3. It is pointed out that this will leave the Italian Units in I District without any repair organisation, apart from the small wksps located with 200 Division H.Q. As their tpt already spends a large part of its time in wksps it is very urgently submitted that 38 Officina Mobile Pessante continue its work in its present location.

4. A Ministry of War circular states that 38 Officina Mobile Pessante will be 'vettoevigiste' from ROME as from 27 March. It is pointed out that this would in all probability result in a series of food crises if they were thus dependent on ROME. Can their present arrangements for food supplies please continue.

J. H. Bruce
 Capt.
 MIA I.D., I District.

Copy to:- "Q" I District
 HQ., 200 Division.

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Lei folio 355

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Mr Nelson en route
 MoD War ad en route for
 return to be drawn for Power

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SUBJECT: SICILYSECRET

Q/5

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
 (M.M.I.A.)
 S:G:33
 15 Mar 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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1. Further to MMIA letter S/G/33 of 14 Feb 45.
2. To increase the efficiency of the Internal Security Divisions in SICILY, it is desired that you make the necessary arrangements for the delegation by the High Commissioner for SICILY and the Commando Territororiate della Sicilia of full powers to the military commander on the spot in case of a grave emergency.
3. It is also desired that you review the motor transportation situation throughout the Island and form a plan for the most economical employment of what transport is available, bearing in mind the desirability of retaining in areas where civil disturbances are likely to occur, sufficient transport to ensure the rapid movement of troops.

REP

tvs.

100 for Major General,
 M.M.I.A.

copy to: AFHQ (your 370.61/031 GCT-O of 9 March refers.)

INTERNAL: M.A. to G.O.C.

Q _____
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R.H.C.

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Subject: Italian Vehicle Transport.

Land Forces Sub-Commission
(U. S. I. A.) R. D. M.
1/5

14 Mar 1945

To: MELA TO 1 District.

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Reference L/18 dated 8 Mar 1945.

1. Instructions regarding the maintenance of Italian Army Tmt will shortly be issued by this Hq.

The production and distribution of printed record books and forms is in hand. Units meanwhile should improvise.

2. Tyres will be made available from the "Repair Unit" to which a unit will apply for 2nd line repairs.

Units will apply to nearest "R.U." with copy to their admn. off. Hq.

Tyres and certain spare parts being strictly controlled now will be released by this Hq to the War Ministry to whom application will be made as necessary by the "R.U." concerned.

3. Repair Units organized or in process of organization and to which all Italian Army Units other than Gruppi will be affiliated are located as under.

- No. 1 - Rome (with Art Macrata moving to Florence)
- No. 2 - Naples
- No. 3 - Gen
- No. 4 - Catania
- "antinis" P.O. Oniglari.

R.M./le

*R.M.*R. M. CHAMBERS, Lt. Col.
For Colonel, 2nd Div.
U. S. I. A.

Copy to: 59 ave - re your C 25/12 dated 7 Mar 45.

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SIGNAL MESSAGEDATE TIME

09 1810 A

FROM: MMIA

TO: LO SARDINIA

Q 58

S E C R E T

SUBJECT IS REPAIR OF VEHICLES AND TANKS (*) TOP REPEAT TOP PRIORITY
WILL NOW BE REPAIR OF EIGHTY FIVE REPEAT EIGHTY FIVE LOAD CARRIER
TRUCKS FOR RAP WORK ON ELMAS AIRFIELD (*) VEHICLES WILL BE ISSUED
BY YOU ON LOAN REPEAT LOAN BASIS TO SIXTY THREE STAGING POST RAP AS
AVAILABLE (*) REPORT ISSUES BY SIGNAL AS MADE (*) PROVISION THESE
TRUCKS REGARDED BY FREEDOM AS HIGH OPERATIONAL (*) HALL HAS BEEN
INFORMED @ Acknowledge this signal

PRECEDENCE

URGENT

AUTHENTICATED

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: NMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

09 1645 A

TO (FOR ACTION): 5 ARMY BN INCR XXXXXXXXX

TO (FOR INFO): 52 BLU

REF NO:

Q 53

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FOR NMIA LO (.) SUBJECT ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES WITH LEONARDO (.)
THIS HQ Q/S OF 26 FEB COPY 52 BLU ORDERS RETURN ALL RPT ALL VEHICLES
EXCEPT THOSE SPECIFIED PARAS 2 CMA 3 AND 4 (.) REPORT EARLIEST
PRACTICAL POSITION AND EXPEDITE RETURN

PRECEDENCE

Non-draft

AUTHENTICATED

Altman, J.W.

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*file**338*SIGNAL MESSAGEDATE TIME

09/800 A

A/S

FROM: MMIA

TO: FIFTH ARMY

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Q 67

FOR BR INCREMENT FOR MMIA LO (*) SUBJECT TRANSPORT SIX GUARDS
REGIMENT (*) ARRANGE ONE OFFICER SIX DRIVERS REPORT ABST MMIA
15 MAR COLLECT 11 M/Gs 5 LORRIES

PHECH DIPROAUTHE~~N~~ICATED*Alister J. Col*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
ADM 512

Ref. File:

22 February 1945

SUBJECT: F.M. Broadcasts

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, .20 294

1. Minute 1 was initiated by Col. Kinley of the Combined Inspection Army and presents a question which should properly be answered by the Legal Division of the Allied Commission; - briefly, should the Italian civilians be permitted to retain in their possession articles of enemy equipment (both German and Italian) which were sabotaged during the time of the allied entry into Sicily and the mainland of Italy.
2. G-4 feels that this is a problem that would be coordinated with both the Allied Commission and U.S.A. Col. Kerr of the latter organization after talking informally with Col. Libby of G-4(A) raised certain questions in his letter of 17 February. The legal staff of G-5 JMC wrote a rather inconclusive opinion on the 1st of February and later added to it on the 23rd of February. However, it feels that these questions can best be resolved in the A.C.
3. We are therefore sending you the complete file which we request that you study and to which ~~is~~ reply is requested as per Minute 1, 22 February, written by G-4 to G-5 under the subject "Motor Vehicles Belonging to the Italian Army and Ownership of Italian State Property".
4. If it is not possible to have your reply reach this headquarters by 5 March it is suggested that you retain the file until the representative to the meeting scheduled on 7 March contacts you in Rome.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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Incl. File, as above

J. L. MCKEEON
Colonel, C. I. C.
Chief, Economic & Supply Division

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Subject: _____
Suspense: _____

Date: _____

SUBJECT: Motor Vehicles Belonging to the Italian Army & Ownership of Italian
State Property.

No.	From	To	Date	
1.	G-4	G-5	10 Feb '45	Forwarded in accordance with conversation - Colonel Butterworth and Libby. For the A.C. of S., G-4: <i>D. M. Libby</i> D. M. LIBBY Colonel, GSC Chief of Civil Branch.
2.	G-5	G-4	25 Feb '45.	Incls: Memo to Col Libby re Subject. The memorandum and all basic documents are returned with addition of two memos from the Legal Adviser, G-5, and a comment of the Financial Adviser, G-5, which it is hoped will be helpful in this connection. For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5: <i>J. E. Butterworth</i> J. E. BUTTERWORTH Colonel, G.S.C. Chief, Economics & Supply Division
3.	G-4	G-5	27 Feb 45	Incls: n/c. Suggest this be sent to AC for legal opinion and return in time for scheduled meeting of 7 March. For the A.C. of S., G-4: <i>D. M. Libby</i> D. M. LIBBY Colonel, GSC Chief of Civil Branch.

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

February 1945

MEMORANDUM: for Col Lioby

The question of motor vehicles belonging to the Italian Army, as referred to in our telephone conversation, is only a part of the policy on Italian property which should be settled.

I suppose the present instructions regarding the ownership of Italian State property are based on the Armistice terms. Therefore, before any discussion proceeds regarding changes it appears that the following questions should be answered:

1. Does the SAC have the right, either moral or legal, to seize (or requisition) Italian property (State or civilian owned) which was in possession of the Italian Government or Italian civilians at the time of the Armistice, for other than purely military purposes for other than the Allied Armies? (If the answer is "NO", the discussion is over, and the present instructions apply to all.) (If the answer is "Yes", then Question 2 is in point.)

2. Having seized the Italian property mentioned in 1, above, does SAC have the right to give such property (with or without consideration) to persons or commercial firms of his own choice? (If the answer is "Yes", then Question 3 is in point.)

3. When SAC gives such property to persons or commercial firms of his choice, is the legal title of the property transferred from the owners (the Italian State or individual) to the person or firm who receives the property from SAC? (If the answer is "Yes", then Question 4 is in point.)

4. What documents will be given by the Allies to prove legal title? *4723*

5. Is the transfer of title authorized by SAC binding on the Italian Government or individuals for (a) the period of occupation; and (b) after the territory has been turned back to the Italian Government?

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6. How do the Allies propose to protect the purchasers of such titles after the Allies leave Italy, having sold the titles for a monetary consideration?

7. What happens to the money which is received by the Allies for the title to Italian State or individually owned property sold by the Allies to third parties?

I think the above questions will point out the absurd situation which has arisen in Italy as a result of (1) contracts made by Allied officers covering property which belongs to the Italian Government or Italian civilians, (2) sales made by Allied officers of Italian property which was not captured, and (3) contentions of AMG and others that Italian property which was stolen by the enemy has ceased to belong to the rightful owners.

If SAC can give away Italian property such as vehicles of the Italian Army, it is therefore within his power to give the Italian State Railroads to some friends of his choice, with or without consideration, and to give the Palace to other friends, or retain title in himself. Of course, this is a power which does not exist, and which cannot be justified. At the same time, the decision on the 36 vehicles in Naples must rest on the presumption that SAC has the power to give away Italian property.

I am sure that the matter will go to the highest level through Diplomatic channels if the military authorities make any such decision, and as a matter of moral and legal justice you know, as well as I do, the reaction in Congress and the people.

So I suggest we can't just laugh the matter off by saying that two Sections of AFHQ agree.

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CLAYTON P. KERH
Colonel, Infantry

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
C-5 Section
APO 512

23 February 1945

MEMO TO: Colonel J. M. Butterworth

SUBJECT: Requisitioning

1. In view of your desire to have our comments on the attached for purposes of deciding whether or not to hold a conference at this Headquarters, the following opinion is expressed.

2. It is understood that the two basic questions in which you are interested are:

a. Can the Italian Army requisition motor transport held by Italian civilians, including vehicles and parts taken by civilians from the Army prior to the invasions?

b. Can the Allied Forces requisition motor transport, machinery, equipment and other durable goods held by Italian civilians?

3. While 2(a) is a question of Italian law, I think the legal answer is that the Italian Government can requisition vehicles or other material for its Army, subject only to control by S.C. Whether or not the Italian Government should requisition in any case or classes of cases is a matter of policy, and hence our first suggestion for reference back to S.C. In the case of 2(b), the answer is that the Allied Forces may requisition such material. As you know policy in connection with this question is the subject of consideration and new proposed A.M. and ATCUSA directives being drafted by Major Pearson of C-4(3). For policy on load-carrying vehicles see HQ Adm memo 59 of 1944.

4. Colonel Kerr's questions are extremely general and it is not believed desirable to attempt a general exposition of the powers of the United Nations under the Armistice. However, it may be said that the powers of the United Nations acting by S.C under the Armistice are believed to be considerably greater than indicated by Colonel Kerr's question No. 1. It is believed for example, that S.C has power to ~~order~~ 21 the Italian Government to make any disposition of Italian property deemed desirable for the prosecution of the war. This

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office is not prepared, however, to answer the numerous hypothetical and varied questions posed by Colonel Kerr as questions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Any specific transactions contemplated should be considered for legality by legal sub-Commission, Allied Commission and by this Headquarters if necessary.

F. T. Hammond

F. T. HAMMOND,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Legal Adviser.

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MEMORANDUM

21 February 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Motor Vehicles.

TO : Colonel Butterworth.

1. There are returned herewith two files, one entitled "F.B Broadcasts" and one entitled "Motor Vehicles Belonging to the Italian Army and ownership of Italian State Property".

2. The file entitled "F.B Broadcasts" deals with the formulation of a policy regarding the use of motor vehicles, as between conflicting claims of the Italian Army and Italian civilians. It is believed that the required decision depends in large part upon a knowledge of the requirements of the Italian Army, not available at this Headquarters. It does not appear why the required determination is not within the competence of the Allied Commission and MIA.

3. It is suggested that statements made by F.B prior to Allied landings were designed to impede the enemy and not to transfer interests in property.

4. It is thought that the questions raised by Colonel Kerr of MIA in the file entitled "Motor Vehicles belonging to the Italian Army, etc", should in the first instance be submitted to the Legal Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission for an opinion.

5. It is believed that if the Allied Commission desires action in the premises by Headquarters, a formal presentation of the problem would be expedient. This

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. T. Hammock Jr.

F. T. HAMMOCK, JR.,
Colonel, Ordnance,
Legal Advisor.

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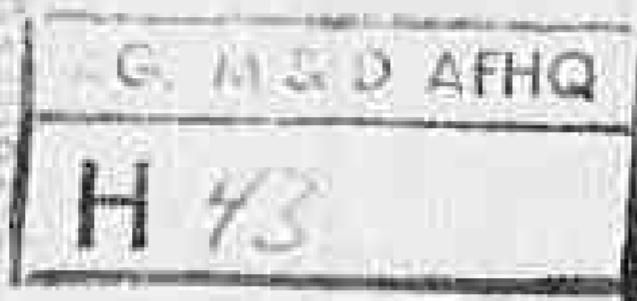
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Date..... 12 Feb 45.....

No	From	To	Date	
5.	Q(AE)	<i>G 5 THRO</i> G-4 A	12 Feb 45.	<p>1. It is considered that this question cannot be settled by a policy decision by this HQ without considering the implications from MLM view point. AC are also an interested party. Sufficient knowledge of the load carrying transportation needs and resources of the Italian Army is not presently on hand in this Staff Section.</p> <p>2. It is therefore recommended that representatives of G-4A, G-4B, G-5, MLM and AC meet at this HQ at an early date to consider the drafting of a policy governing the requisitioning of civilian load carrying transport by the Italian Army.</p> <p>3. If it is agreed by all that a meeting is desirable, the following could well form the basis for discussion - "That the Italian Army, should not in future requisition civilian load carrying transport, but should retain those presently on hand".</p>
6.	G-4	G-5	15 Feb 1945	<p>1. Concur in the recommendation of Q(AE).</p> <p>2. Request that G-5 arrange a conference as suggested.</p> <p>For the AC of S, G-4: 718 ✓</p> <p><i>D. M. Libby</i> D. M. LIBBY, Colonel, GSC Chief of Civil Branch</p> <p>/mek</p> <p>ZINC/C/C</p>

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SUBJECT: PWB Broadcasts.

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1. This decision raises a point of policy which may be contrary to our overall best interests.
2. The A.C. does not generally requisition load carrying vehicles, yet the Italian Army has requisitioned such vehicles and claims them when found on the road or elsewhere in the hands of civilians.
3. We are jointly concerned in the truck situation in Italy for both the Italian military forces and for the civilian economy. There is presently a conflict of interests between A.C. transportation Sub-Commission and UNIA.
4. Your comments are requested as to suggested procedure.

For the AG/S, G-4:

D. M. Libby

D. M. LIBBY,
Colonel, C.S.C.,
Chief of Civil Branch.

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SUBJECT: FMR Broadcasts.

No.: From: To: Date:

2. G-4 G-5 30 Jan. 1945 1. Forwarded as a matter requiring coordination not only with AFHQ staff sections, but also with the A.C. to include M.M.T.A.

2. It is understood that prior to the Allied invasion of Italy that the Italian Army requisitioned a large number of civilian vehicles in Italy and are now laying claim to all such vehicles. This causes many civilians to hide trucks, thereby causing the loss of the use of the vehicles to both the Italian Army and A.C.

3. An overall policy should be published to serve the best interests of the Italian economy, at not too great a cost to the Italian Army.

For the AC/S, G-4:


 D. L. LLOYD,
 Colonel, G.S.C.,
 Chief of Civil Branch.

3. G-5 G-4 5 Feb. 1945 1. The subject was discussed with AC, whose views are expressed in letter ES, 2 Feb., attached.

2. It is believed that more trucks, passenger vehicles, machine tools and other equipment would be brought out of hiding and put to general use if the Italians could receive some assurance that these items would not be requisitioned by the military. The services would benefit by the availability of more facilities upon which to draw. The Italian industries could start to put their houses in order, labor could be employed.

3. As pointed out in par 3 of AC letter, AFHQ circular Memo 13, 1944, lays down the rules and must be changed to permit the use of salvage material which is being withheld. There is another phase, ~~nowhere~~, which embraces items of Italian ownership which have been hidden both from Germans and Allies alike.

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3. (continued)				<p>4. It is recommended that -</p> <p>a. Such part of the problem as deals with salvage be referred to proper staff sections for consideration and comment.</p> <p>b. Upon receipt by G-4 of comments, as in a., it call a meeting of all interested sections to determine a policy, as in minute 2/3, for the guidance of the military.</p> <p>For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J.E. BUTTERWORTH Colonel, G.S.C. Chief, Economics & Supply Division</p>
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PWB BROADCASTS

No.	From	To	Date	
1.	Comb. Insp. Team	G-4 (Col. Libby)	28 Jan. 1945	<p>1. Relative to recommendations made by the Combined Inspection Team that a policy be established relative to the rights of Italian civilians in a given area to retain title to, or use of, enemy materiel which came into their possession prior to Allied Military occupancy of such area, the attached memo from PWB is forwarded for your consideration.</p> <p>2. It would appear that we did promise, at least by inference, that civilians would be permitted to retain materiel stolen from the enemy prior to our arrival, and that we should announce a definite policy on this matter. Should such a promise be confirmed at this time, it is believed that many badly needed items of automotive equipment would be brought out of the hiding in which they have been placed in fear of confiscation.</p>
Incl:-	MAK/we	Ltr dtd 25 Jan 1945, Subj: PWB Broadcasts.		<p><i>M. A. Kinley</i> M. A. KINLEY Lt. Colonel, Comb. Insp. Team.</p> <p>4714</p>

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ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

25 January 1945

SUBJECT: PWB BROADCASTS

To: Lt. George B. Keyzers, Liaison Section, PWB AFHQ

From: George W. Edman, Head, PWB (LIBERATED ITALY) HQ.

1. In reference to your memorandum of 20 January, I quote the following from a report to me by Mr. Ivor Thomas, Acting Chief of PWB Radio Division:

2. "With reference to Lt. Keyzers' memo of the 20th January, which is returned herewith, I have made exhaustive inquiries and it appears that PWB, prior to the landings in Italy, encouraged the Italian people to remove parts of German and Italian vehicles so as to immobilize them. We did not state that vehicles and spare parts could be kept when the Allies came; but on the other hand, we didn't state the contrary, and I feel that had I been a listener in occupied Italy, I should have assumed that I was entitled to keep what I had, at risk of my life, obtained."

George W. Edman

GEORGE W. EDMAN, HEAD

PWB (LIBERATED ITALY) HQ.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 334
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel. 271

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2 Feb. 45

SUBJECT: AFHQ Inquiry regarding Italian Army Requisitioning
of Civilian Vehicles.

TO: D.C.O.S.

1. The two attached memoranda refer respectively to:

a. The Italian Army is now taking possession by requisition or otherwise, of a large number of civilian vehicles which were originally requisitioned prior to the Allied invasion of Italy.

b. The right of Italian citizens to maintain possession of automotive equipment stolen by them from the enemy in the early days of the invasion of Italy.

2. Regarding paragraph a above, AFHQ has already ordered the Ministry of War not to requisition or otherwise take possession of civilian vehicles and the ~~Land Forces~~ Sub-Commission, AC, states that this instruction is being adhered to.

It is true that the Italian Army is repossessing its own regular army vehicles which were seized by Italian citizens during the invasion, and which were subsequently leased by M.W. in Rome and numerous other cities. All of such vehicles have been repossessed by the Italian Army with the exception of approximately 130 vehicles in the Rome area. It is proposed to permit the Italian Army to take possession of these Italian Army vehicles at an early date. However, the AC War Material Disposal Sub-Commission is making a special request to AFHQ for exemption for these vehicles in view of the current need for them in the Rome area.

3. Regarding paragraph b above, AFHQ Circular Memorandum No. 13, 1 May, 1944 on subject of salvaged property clearly stated that German abandoned material must be turned over to the Allies for their use and that abandoned Italian material should be the property of the Italian Government. If it is wished to change this circular in order to allow individuals described in paragraph b above to maintain possession of this type of property, there is no obstacle to such procedure.

B.D. Nash, Major, 12
B.D. NASH, Major, 12
Special Assistant to
A/DCCS ECONOMIC SECTION

C.R. Lewis

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Case No.: 1-1968-1431 Date and Vehicule/numbers

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Land Forces sub Comm L.C. (1221) •

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Date: Nov 10/68 1968
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To: L.C. Land Forces sub Comm L.C. (1221) •

Copies: Land Forces Headquarters, Nigerian Government
Directorate of Personnel Services, Nigerian Government
 Bureau No 12 Nov 1968
 C.C. (1), ADD HQ

(a) One copy only to

1. The objective of this note is to advise H.M. Government on behalf of Nigerian Army that I have been granted permission by the Nigerian Government to travel in Nigeria from 15 to 12 Nov 1968.
2. In the course of this trip, the following will be undertaken in visits and private discussions based upon mutual interest in our country.

(a) No. 11, Victoria Island, Lagos (Private)

Addressed to:
 Mr. G. J. D. Parker
 25 Grosvenor Gardens
 40 St. James's Gate
 79 London SW1 (Address and telephone numbers of the residence
 of the General Secretary to the Nigerian Government
 to be furnished separately to the Nigerian Government
 by the General Secretary to the Nigerian Government
 before the General Secretary makes arrangements
 for the General Secretary to reside at the residence
 of the General Secretary to the Nigerian Government
 for the duration of his stay).

The function of this visit will be to observe in actual a pool of trained and
 experienced persons engaged in the operation of the
 Nigerian Government and to furnish the General Secretary
 with information concerning the organization and
 operation of the Nigerian Government and its
 functions, particularly in the field of
 general administration, security, defence and
 foreign relations.

(a) No. 12, Davies Road

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The function of this will be to generate an output of details of locations for the central administrative purposes of the relevant authority centralized personnel records. An individual vehicle will be assigned to branches and units depending on the geographical area to which he belongs or to which he has been posted.

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(c) Description of the suspect (height, weight, complexion, hair color, eyes, clothing, etc.) and date he was last seen or last known to be in possession of the vehicle.

(d) Description of the vehicle (make, model, year, color, license number, etc.) and date it was last seen or last known to be in possession of the suspect. (If the vehicle is described in detail, it may be necessary to attach a separate sheet.)

Authorization to return the vehicle to the owner or operator.

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Subject :- Italian Army left in Calabria

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Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MATA).
Rome.
Tel : Rome 692081 RT 526

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Re : Military of War

Copies: Lt. Col's Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MATA),
Naples.
DAPRE MATA HQ.
G (SD), MATA HQ.
MATA HQ FILE ST/1001.

§ Master List.

1. This letter confirms conversation Col BALZANINO - Mr COL ALONI - Maj PAPDEAU on 2 Mar 45 references Italian Army left in Calabria.
2. Action is to be taken as follows:-
- (a) Commando Galatina should bring north with it or transfer the maximum possible number of ~~German~~ Vehicles (without prejudice to eventual assignment of such vehicles)
 - (b) A List by Targa Nos should be furnished to this HQ not later than 31 Mar 45 of ~~German~~ Vehicles left in possession of individual N.I.-T.I. units etc. in Calabria indicating name and location of unit. Such vehicles and relative personnel will in due course be charged against No 10 Territorial Administrative Transport Company Commando M.P.D.L. Assignment of vehicles to be thus left behind should be kept to strict minimum.
 - (c) Lists of personnel and vehicles by Targa Nos in possession of 29th Autocarpo and working exclusively for the Allies (on Timber) should be furnished to this HQ separately and forthwith. Such vehicles and personnel will be provisionally charged against No 10 Territorial Adminis

Such vehicles and relative personnel will in due course be charged against No 10 Territorial Administrative Transport Company Command HQ/45. Assignment of vehicles to be thus left behind should be kept to strict minimum.

- (c) Lists of personnel and vehicles by Army Nos in possession of 29th Autocarpo and working exclusively for the Allies (on timber) should be furnished to this HQ separately and further the such vehicles and personnel will be provisionally charged against No 4 Special Transport Company authorised in this HQ letter 3D/94 dated 22 Feb 45.
- (d) Lists (as complete as practicable) of their identifiable Vehicles left behind in Cebularis with locations, and details of personnel strengths, locations, names of Repaires Unit(s) left behind will be furnished to this HQ not later than 31 Mar 45. Such personnel will be charged against No 4 Repaires Unit authorised in this HQ letter A9/5 of 6 Feb 45.

*Chaired 1st conf.
Signed Col. headed
2nd conf.*

(R.J. HOWARD)
Col.
HQ/45.

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HEADQUARTERS 210th INFANTRY DIVISION
Motor Transport Office

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P.M. 179, 24 February 1945

Subject : Vehicles for 6th I.M. Guards Regiment.

To : S.M.R.E. (Royal Italian Army General Staff) - Services Office-
Motor transport Section. (Action)
MINISTRY OF WAR & Motorization Directorate (Info)
DELEGATION "T" S.M.R.E. (Ref. Letter 1004/aut dta 14/2/45) (Info)
HQ 6TH I.M. GUARDS REGIMENT (Ref. Letter 123 dtd 22/2/45) (Info)
ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE G-4 FIFTH ARMY (Info)

Reference to statement of S.M.R.E. Motor Transport Section (vide letter
6/1179 dtd 7/2/45) that vehicles of 6th I.M. Guards Regiment are sufficient for its needs,
the actual situation of the Regiment vehicles is notified below.

Present location of units of the Regiment and vehicles on hand ~~as~~ following:

RE 6TH GUARDS REGT : Florence - 1 staff car 1100 out of road.
1 truck Bianchi Miles, limitedly efficient owing to
tires bad shape.

2 trucks SPA L/39, 1 of which out of road.
2 motorcycles, 1 of which out of road.

S12TH GUARDS BN : Florence (Via Sofriano) - 1 truck SPA L/39, efficient.

1ST COMPANY : Viareggio, with squads at Bagni di Lucca, Forte dei Marmi, and
other localities in the Serchio Valley - no vehicle.
2ND COMPANY : camped at Vicchio. It fulfills its duties in the rear area.

3RD COMPANY : Fauglia (Leghorn) with 1 platoon at Leghorn, 1 at Prato, 1 at
San Giovanni Valdarno, 1 squad at Pontassieve - no vehicle.
4TH COMPANY : Florence, with 1 platoon at Barberino di Mugello, 1 at Montecatini, 1 at Lucca - no vehicle.

S12TH GUARDS BN : All at Montecatini, except 1 platoon at Lastra a Signa :
1 truck Fiat 626, efficient.
1 truck SPA L/39, efficient.

The staff car needs a complete revision of the engine, change of one gear,
and complete change of tires.

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 1 truck Fiat 626, efficient.
 1 truck SPA L/39, efficient.

The staff car needs a complete revision of the engine, change of one gear, and complete change of tires.

The truck Bianchi Miles has a defective starter and needs pistons for the injection pumps and two fit injectors, which cannot be purchased locally. Furthermore an accurate revision of the engine and a complete change of tires are necessary. It can be used only locally.

The truck SPA L/39 (Regt H) got deadline three months ago, having two gaskets burnt, the engine-shaft striped, cylinders taken on oval shape and two tires worn out. Later on the tires have been distributed among the other similar trucks, which were missing the spare tire, and often different parts were removed to make repairs on the other trucks.

This motorcycle has faulty brakes and two bad tires.

Therefore in all the Regiment only following vehicles are usable:

1 truck Fiat 626,
 4 trucks SPA L/39,
 1 motorcycle,
 1 truck Bianchi Miles (only for a restricted area)
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With these vehicles the Regiment has to perform the following tasks:

- procurement of rations in places almost always at a great distance from the seat of the organizations;
- purchase of wood, wine, vegetables, fruit and other supplies to supplement rations in places where they are available.
- distribution of said items among the single units and their various detachments;

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- transportation of personnel on duty at a great distance from their quarters;
- enabling the battalion or company commanders to execute their duties;
- ensuring administration, discipline, employment of personnel under command and providing for their welfare.

If furthermore following facts are considered :

- the long use of the trucks stated as efficient,
- the strain of the details involved,
- the hardly sufficient conditions of tires and engines whose maintenance can't always be ensured, owing to delay in the supply of spare parts,

it is evident that the vehicle situation of the Regiment is acute.

Request your urgent consideration in this matter.

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