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Feb. - Apr. 1945

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Subject :- Arrangements In Connection With Allied Commission Motor Brigade
Mechanical School.

2/3

4 April 45

LAND FORCES SUB COMD A.C. (MMLA)
ROME
Tel : 489064 Ext 526

TO :- MINISTRY OF WAR.

Copies : Commanding Officer
Allied Commission Motor Brigade (4 copies)
MMLA Transport HQ
RENT MMLA HQ (2 copies)
ST MMLA HQ (5 copies)

1. The present letter is to confirm arrangements at various recent meetings between C.O. Allied Commission Motor Brigade, officers of this HQ, officers of War Ministry and other interested parties.
2. The following are the arrangements which will be carried out:
 - (a) 6 Depository Autieri will transfer from Centro Studi Motorizzazioni to 3rd Motor Palazzina Bianca Caserma Anione Via Nomentana. This move will be completed not later than 1800 hrs 6 Apr 45. Transport has been detailed from 1 Bico. Trans. Coy reporting to Via Pinturicchio 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 Motoristico will be confined to those rooms. The research personnel and activities must also adapt themselves on all points to combine with and assist in the operating of the Mechanical School.
 - (c) Representative of Divisione Personale Automobilistico War Ministry and Officer Commanding Scuola Ciargolini will reconnoitre on 5 Apr 45 the premises at 54 Vasca Navale San Paolo (tel 566177). These premises will be entirely vacated by Allied Commission Motor Brigade (American and Italian personnel) not later than 1800 hrs 6 Apr 45. Scuola Ciargolini will move into these premises on 7/8 Apr 45 in accordance with plan to be prepared as result of reconnaissance above instructed. Course No 3

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- (d) As soon as Scuola Ciarpaglini has vacated its existing premises, these will be taken over (under direction MMIA Transport LO Rome) by 1 Repairs Unit and/or Magazzino Centrale Parti Ricambi. By this means 1 Repairs Unit will be enabled to vacate the premises which it now occupies at Centro Studi Motorizzazione. The right is reserved for MMIA Transport LO Rome to remove from Centro Studi Motorizzazione any items of plant or equipment which cannot eventually be obtained from other sources, and which are urgently needed for the repair of Italian Army vehicles by 1 Repairs Unit. Such removal of plant will however be negotiated with C.O. Motor Brigade Group or his representative before it is uplifted.
- (e) 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 Brigade Mechanical School excluding the areas cross-hatched in blue on the attached plan.
- (f) Tn. Col. PENZI, Maggiore di ROMA and Capitano..... together with other ranks (ITI-ITI) not to exceed seven in number will be forthwith nominated as ITI-ITI Administrative (Nucleo Amministrativo ITI-ITI).

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Their immediate functions will be to represent War Ministry in reference to the protection and upkeep of the Centro Studi premises, and to assist the Allied Commission representatives as the latter may direct in the conduct of the Mechanical School particularly on the administrative side. At a later date, if Motor Brigade ALCOM so decide, this Administrative nucleus may be developed into an IPI-III command and permanent staff for the Mechanical School. Formal notification of the creation of this unit and eventual adjustment to bring it within the approved ceiling for Category 1(c) will be communicated to you subsequently. Meanwhile approval is given for No 1 R & R Unit to draw the additional rations necessary for the 10 individuals referred to above.

3. The occasion is taken to observe that the use of the Centro Studi Motorizzazioni 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 sense advanced by the officers concerned in the War Ministry based on the previous history of the Centro Studi and its function as they conceive it. The present dispositions have however been determined in the light of:-

- (a) the paramount urgency of completing the organisation of the ALCOM transport companies for Northern Italy
- (b) the probability that the Mechanical School to be created for this purpose will be capable of useful continuation and development by the Italian Army subsequently.

4. With these objects in view you are requested to ensure prompt compliance by all concerned with the present instructions.

(P.J. NOAKES)

Colonel,

for Major General,
(M. J. L.)

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Subject: M.T. in SARDINIA.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
6/5

4 April 1945

To: AFHQ for G4 A.
AFHQ for Q(Maint).

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

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Reference is made to AFHQ letter AFHQ/3248/Q(AS) 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.

FHM/la

L. Browning
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 80-100 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, Montessaroto 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 56

C O P YSubject: Workshops and Transport in Sardinia.27th March 1945

To: Commanding General, MIA.

From: Major C. A. HALL, D.A.D.M.E.

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.V. at the airport here by the end of this month. The R.A.V. 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.O. here and is as follows:-

Period 1st April - 16 Mar.

Tanks approx 120 }
Vehicles approx 150 } total approx 270 - 300
1st half of No 1 Mobile Park - 75 vehicles.
Vehicles for Rome w/shops and Terni - 7.
Recovery Section of 1 Mobile Park - 17 vehicles.
Spares - 150 tons (1500 cases)

Grand total about 400.

In view of the parks 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 Terni 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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4. Send small mobile crane to Terni to assist in clearing this workshop area of engineer material.

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(Sgd) C.A. HALL, Major.

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FROM:

NMIA

TO : (FOR ACTION)

NMIA LO SARDINIA

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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 ALCON AND HAD BEEN RETURNED TO THE ITALIAN ARMY WHEN ALLIED GARRISON AND ALCON 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 DEREGISTRATION THEM (.) NO SUCH VEHICLES WILL BE SENT 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

SEE

AUTHENTICATION

C. P. KERR, Col

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TRANSLATION.

M. of W. DGA&M.

MMA.

Subject: Assignments of Transport.

Ref: 10178

30/3/45

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 Cincio" (who have founded an agricultural Cooperative,) for the grant of a tank of "Matilda" type, at the moment located at the Studi 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, ~~XXXX~~ this Ministry submits the question to the MMA for their consideration, so that decisions referred to in a/n letter can be taken.

For the Minister.
(P.G. Properzi)

GD.

W. G. Properzi
May Beauman informed W. G. Properzi 17/7.

Informed 4752
by ANDREANI

TRANSLATION. 2/5

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FROM: S.M.R.B.

REF: 6/2472/SERV.

TO: M.M.V.A.

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.F. 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. Severa di Civitavecchia, present location of the forming up 1st. Military Territorial H.Q., limiting the needs of Calabria to those strictly essential.

Sgd. LIUZZI

Gen.

J. DANNIN CPL.



NA. ROR

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369.

Subject:- Transport for Carabinieri.

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

30 March 45.

Public Safety Sub-Commission A.C.

1. Reference your CG/14153/PS 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 assistance will be given when resources permit it is regretted 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 proforma at App."A" to this letter.
5. As an immediate palliative you are invited to inspect an Arty Recon car which can be seen at N°1 Repair Unit Base. These vehicles can take 5 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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B.T.M. WARHAM, Major
for Major General,
M.I.I.

Copy to:- G(For SB/141).

BTM/ab

See (2) file 2/47

<u>LEGION</u>	<u>M/C/</u>		<u>CARS</u>		Re
	W.E.	Efficient in possession	Repairable in possession	W.E.	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

1. The following information is being furnished to you for your information:

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Subject : Provision transport Italian Mobile Dental
Centres.

Land Forces Sub Comd.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M Z

9/5 26 March 45

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53 BLU.

1. Under War establishment GH/575/L, Field Surgical Units are entitled to transport from British sources. It is understood in the case of the GRENADA, LEGNANO and POLIGORE Groups that Italian vehicles are on 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 a box type body and should, when available, be returned to No 1 Repair and Recovery Unit, Rome.

RAC
R.A. CURTIS, L.Col,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : M.M.I.A. LG, Rear Eighth Army,
" " Fifth Army,
Medical Det Bnt.A

See folio 349

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SEE 438/1

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362.

Subject :- Transport - Control of Tyres and Tubes.

Q/5

22 March 45

LAND FORCES SUB COMD A.C. (MIA)
ROME
Tel : 489081 Ext 526

To :- WAR MINISTRY (To issue instructions to all Repairs 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. Tecnica Motorizzazioni, in duplicate a stock sheet as at Appx "A". One copy will be forwarded by the War Ministry to HQ. MIA 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 HQ MIA.

2. ISSUES.

Tyres and Tubes 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 Efficient Vehicle Park, mechanical repair having been completed.
- (b) The authority of MIA LO has been obtained on the release order as at Appx "C". This order will normally be signed by MIA Transport Liaison Officer but may in emergency be signed by any other MIA LO when requested by R. & R. Unit concerned.

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- (c) Tyres will normally be fitted by R. & R. Units concerned.
- (d) No tyre or tube will be issued unless the Workshop Officer is satisfied that the replacement is needed. The old cover or tube will invariably be retained by the R. & R. Unit from which this replacement is obtained.

3. RECEIPTS.

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

- (a) Those removed from Class 4 vehicles in inefficient vehicle dumps.

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

(c) Tyres received from any other sources.

4. TRANSFER OF STOCKS.

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

R. & B. Units

A. Colonel,
D. & Q. M.
Land Forces Sub Commission AG
(M. M. I. A.)

Distribution :-

MIA Senior LO, Naples	
" Transport LO, Naples	
" Senior LO, Bari	
" Transport LO, Bari	
" Transport LO, Rome	
MIA LO 22 Area	
MIA LO 1 District	
" " 3 District	
" " Near 5 Army	
" " " Brit Force	
" " 8 Army	
" Sicily	
" Sardinia.	
" Transport LO, Sardinia.	
SR / MIA HQ	
RECEIVED MIA HQ.	

NAME OF REPAIRS UNIT

RECEIPT AND ISSUE OF TIRES AND TUBES WITH EXPIRING SATURDAY

S I Z E	R E C E I P T S						I	
	N E W		P A R T W O R N		R E P A I R A B L E		N E W	
	Covers	Tubes	Covers	Tubes	Covers	Tubes	Covers	Tubes
A. Local issues to or receipt from vehicles.								
B. MSEA transfers to or from another Repairs Unit.								
C. Receipts from other sources.								

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Subject: Italian Veh Tpt
-----Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. Aa) R O M T
Q/S22 Mar 45.
-----MMIA LO 1 District

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Reference your letter LO/QS dated 16 Mar 45 and signal Q23 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 organization of Italian Army vehs. 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. *and for Rome*

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 realized 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 & H Unit Rome when the Transport L.O. now affiliated to that unit will explain the position more fully. *336/1*

5. A copy of your LO/QS of 6 Mar 45 is being sent to this officer.

6. Regarding para 4 of your letter, arrangements are being made by ST 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. *4742*
for Col. HA & QMG.
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to ST MMIA) (2 copies)
Capt Baker) together with 1 District LO/QS of 6 Mar 45.
1 District

Subject: Recovery of Motor Transport Material

Land Forces
The Commission, 10 (MIA)

None

20 March 1945

To : H.E. Count Casati
Minister for War

For your 200345/1, of 15 March 45 subject as above
200-13-07 3 Feb 91107 -

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 obviously 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 ad-
ditional has been explained and directed in a large number of communications to the Minister for War and especially in Administrative Memorandum No. 10 of 15 October 1944, in which the statement is made that the Italian Army is responsible for the general supervision, maintenance, use, and number of operation of all Italian military transport, except in the combat zone. Therefore, no agreements nor contracts should have been entered into by any Italian authority regarding any Italian Army property and any such agreements, contracts or deals have no force nor effect. It is known that some Italian Army property has been turned over to civilians by Allied officers 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 made with civilians regarding Italian Army property, but is not responsible for contracts made by Allied officers with civilians. It is again repeated that contracts made by Italian authorities with civilians were not authorized and cannot now be confirmed, so any careful representation which will result from a return of these vehicles to the Italian Army can only be traced directly to the failure to follow Allied instructions.

3. The Italian Army must become as self-sufficient 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 14741 period of time, Allied motor transport has been loaned to the Italian Army for various purposes. I must reiterate that the Allied Government will not continue to loan Allied motor transport to the Italian

Army when the Italian Army has already loaded 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.

4. As the Italian motor transport is returned to Italian Army control, it will be disposed of as follows:

a. Unconditioned for military use.

b. Conditioned to serve as replacement for military vehicles.

5. Under certain conditions, a part of the Italian Army motor transport may, under direction of WMA, be used to transport civil supplies, and for this purpose it is intended that additional motor vehicle companies will be organized. These are to be operated by Italian soldiers under military control and will be allotted for hauling 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 returning these vehicles to Italian Army control. On the contrary, the Italian Army can render greater service to the Italian people in operating and maintaining these vehicles than can the civil contractors now doing this work by using Army vehicles.

6. In certain cases some of the recovered vehicles may be obsolete and not suitable for military use. Also certain mechanical or parts may be or become unsuitable 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 headquarters, who will determine whether or not they have no further military value; and where this is determined, the War Ministry will be given authority, in writing, to dispose of the vehicle as it sees fit.

7. I take this opportunity to remind you that the question of Italian motor transport has been thoroughly examined by the Supreme Allied Commander, and additional Allied personnel has been provided 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 Sardinia and its transportation to the mainland and on the reorganization of the Italian Army motor transport system. Therefore, there can be no further question about bringing under immediate control, all available Italian Army transport; and I anticipate your wholehearted 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.

L. B.
Major General
Land Forces
Sub-Commissioner, AC (AFIA)

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cc: File 87/1108

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Subject : Transport loan to Italian Air Force.

Land Forces Sub Comd.A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

R O M E

C/S

26 March 45.

Communications Sub Comd.

1. 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 Comd.

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 Elmas.

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.I.A.

Copy to : *Air Forces*
~~Sub~~ Sub Commission,
for attention S/Ldr BRADSHAW,
your T 3 48 08, of 14th of March refers.

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Distribution :

1MIA Senior LO Naples)
 " Transport LO Naples)
 " Senior LO Bari) for Action
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 DA and QMG.

Signed

Formato.....

Officer Commanding

Ufficiali Commandante.....

EUP

PFA

Countersigned

Contra formato.....

Representative of Unit Receiving Vehicles

Representante Raparto Riconvento

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)
227 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 of 212 Unit interest
205 Division	Light Workshop(s) already in possession of Division.	2 Repairs Unit Naples (ITI- or 2 Repairs Unit Bari (ITI- (according to location of interest

APPENDIX AItalian Army Vehicles In Possession of ER-ITI and US-ITI Units

Higher Echelon Service	Remarks
1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detachment 2 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Agnano Naples 1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detachment 3 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Caserma VE Bari	1,2,3 ITI-ITI Repairs Units are authorised to indent for spares not in their own possession on ITI-ITI Central MRSO Rome (passing demand through the relative Directorate of Repairs)
1 Repairs Unit (ITI-ITI) Florence Detachment 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)	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 MMIA HQ all such requests.

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SIGNAL MESSAGEDATE TIME

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FROM: MMIA

TO: LC 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

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

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TO (FOR ACTION): 5 ARMY BR INCR ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

TO (FOR INFO): 52 BLU

REF NO: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Q 53

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FOR MMIA LO (.) SUBJECT ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES WITH LEGNANO (.)

THIS HQ Q/5 OF 26 FEB COPY 52 BLU ORDERS RETURN ALL RPT ALL VEHICLES
EXCEPT THOSE SPECIFIED PARAS 2 CMA 3 AND 4 (.) REPORT EARLIEST
PREDEST POSITION AND EXPEDITE RETURN

PRECEDENCE ImmediateAUTHENTICATED XXXXXXXXXX

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SIGNAL MESSAGEDATE TIME

09/800 A

FROM: MMIA
TO: FIFTH ARMY

RESTRICTED

Q 57

FOR BR INCREMENT FOR MMIA LC (*) SUBJECT TRANSPORT SIX GUARDS
REGIMENT (*) ARRANGE ONE OFFICER SIX DRIVERS REPORT ADST MMIA
13 MAR COLLECT 11 M/Cs 5 LORRIES

PRECEDENCE _____

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