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Subject: 7 Adm Tpt Coy.Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E ,
C/5

/ June 45

Capt. CASTNER
MEMO TO P. HENDEThe approved holding of 7 Adm Tpt Coy and present
actual strength in vehs is as under :-

	<u>M/C</u>	<u>PAS/VSH</u>	<u>LOAD/CARR.</u>
M.C.	20	10	56
Held	16	5	13

Deficiencies should be made up direct from No:4
~~Submit~~ EVP

Rac

R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Col. DA & CMG.
M.M.I.A.

RAG/ah

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4835

Subject:-- Recovery Italian Army Property.

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

ROME.

C/S

3/ MAY 45.

To:--

M.E.I.A. L.C. Fifth Army
Eighth Army
One District.

Reference A.F.H.Q. letter AG 386.3/163 LCG-O
dated 22nd April, 1945, forwarded under this H.C.
C/S dated 29 May 45.

The attached copy of A.F.H.Q. signal FX 75707
15 May 45 addressed 15 Army Group repeated Fifth and
Eighth Armies and Distone is forwarded for information.
Attention is directed to last sentence of paragraph 3
thereof.

Rab
R.A. GERRIES Lt. Col.
for Major General;
M.E.I.A.

Copy: M.E.I.A. L.C.

Fifth Army (Br. Incr.) together with copy of
A.F.H.Q. letter AG 386.3/163 LCG-O.

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COPY.

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHQAE

TO : ACTION 15 ARMY GP

INFO: ARMY, 8 ARMY, FBS, DISTONE, DISTWO, DISTTHREE, AICOM;

Ref: PX 75707

Date/Time May 151117B

RESTRICTED.

Subject is captured enemy transport.

To avoid misunderstanding attention is directed to this HQ letter AG 385.3/1631-0 dated 22 April para 9(b) and 9(j) intention of which is that maximum use be made of enemy transport as follows:

1. For maintenance enemy forces after full use of horse drawn transport had been made.
2. For meeting civil supply requirements through AC. Records of all vehicles so handed over will be kept.
3. All captured Italian civilian vehicles in hands of surrendered German forces which have not been properly requisitioned and paid for will be collected and guarded. Such transport will be turned over to AC against receipts. Italian military vehicles will be handed over to MIA ref para 9 (c) of basic directive and AFHQ Circular No. 5 dated 11 April current.

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INFO-ACTION: Tn S/C 2

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INFO : A/President

Chief Commissioner

Econ Sec 4833

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471

Subject:- Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in ITALY.

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

Q/S.

29 May 45.

To:-

SEE 468.

M.M.I.A. L.O. 3 ARMY.
M.M.I.A. L.O. 8 ARMY.
M.M.I.A. L.O. 1 DISTRICT.

Attached copy of A.F.H.Q. letter AG 386.3/163 LOG-0
dated 22 April 45, is passed to you for information.

RAC

R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
For Major General.
M.M.I.A.

SEE 472

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MINUTES OF MEETING

held at HQ M.M.I.A.

on 25 May 45

MINUTES OF MEETING held at HQ M.M.I.A. on 25 May 1945 to consider the hand over to the Italian Army the 110 vehs of Italian Army origin currently operated by civilian contractors under A.C.

1. PRESENT :

Major Gen. L. BROMBERG, C.B., O.B.E., M.C. - CHAIRMAN.

Major Gen. A. MAGGIORI - A/CIO AFHQ.

Col. CLAUDIO F. KERRI - Deputy Director M.M.I.A.

Col. CHARLES W. HAZARD - Economic Sec. A.C.

Col. F. J. ROBERTS - M.M.I.A.

Lt Col. R. L. CURTIS - M.M.I.A.

Lt Col. G. S. FRANKLIN - Tn. Sub Commission A.C.

Mr. C. C. GROSS - Tn. Sub Commission A.C.

2. After discussion the following decisions were taken :-

- (a) The 110 vehs as listed on Tn Sub Commission list will be handed over by Tn Sub Com to Italian Army at places to be arranged by M.M.I. with Tn Sub Com.
- (b) The tyres and tubes on the vehs were Tn Sub Com property and would be removed by Tn Sub Com at hand over point, or M.M.I. to arrange the provision of suitable tyres or tubes in exchange.
- (c) A.C. to arrange for M.M.I. Sub Com to hand the "Good Money" to the Italian Government.

Lt Col. G.S. WALKER

Mr. G.S. GROSS

- In. Sub Commission A.C.

2. After discussion the following decisions were taken :-

- (a) The 140 volts as listed on In Sub Commission list will be handed over by In Sub Comm to Italian Army at places to be arranged by MIL with In Sub Comm.
- (b) The tyres and tubes on the vehicles in In Sub Comm property and would be removed by In Sub Comm at hand over point, or MIL to arrange the provision of suitable tyres or tubes in exchange.
- (c) A.C. to arrange for Italian Sub Comm to hand the "Bond Money" to the Italian Government.
- (d) The Italian Government will clear all financial arrangements with the contractors. MIL will convey to the War Ministry that a fair and equitable arrangement should be made for the repairs, labour and spare parts produced by the Contractor.
- (e) The hand over of the volts to be at an early date. ^{14 SEP 45} considered that 12 Jun 45 was the probable starting date.

PCW/lo 26 Dec 45

Distribution:

MEMO for JGLO.
 HQ A.C. for Economic Sec (Col. WALKER).
 HQ A.C. for In Sub Commission (Lt Col. WALKER).
 HQ A.C. for In Sub Commission (Mr. GROSS)
 HQ A.C. for Finance Sub Commission.
 HQ A.C. for War Material Disposal Sub Commission.
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 MIL File 2/5
 MIL War Diary (4)

P. J. NOLAN
 P. J. NOLAN, Col.
 M. A. I. I.

Subject:- Italian Army Transport - Sardinia

467
Lend Forces Sub Comm'A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
C/5
29 May 45.

To: Ministry of War.

1456

Reference our letter Q/5 dated 16 May 45
paragraph 2.

1. Amend CORR Load Carriers authorized to read
27 NOT 35.
2. Reduction due to Army having loaned 12 NOT
20 Load Carriers.

[Signature]
R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

COPY to: M.M.I.A. L.O. Sardinia

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Subject: Italian Army Transport.

466

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

ROME

Q/5

23 May 1945

From: LA 1000

To: MMIA LO, 54 Area

462/18

Reference your AQ/287 dated 21.5.45. and conversation HOLT-CURTIES, herewith copy of Office Instruction No. 86.

Captain Truscott is primarily responsible for the supervision of the Italian Army Repairs Organisation at Bari and for ensuring the maximum output of reconditioned vehicles.

R.A.
R.A. CURTIES, Lt.Col.
for Major General
MMIA

RAC/slb

4829

Subject: Motor Mechanics - Technical Training.

Q/5

File

23 May 1945

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War Ministry request that approval be given for the formation of an Iti-Iti Unit to be known as "Central M.T. Technical School".

The proposed W.E. is as below:

Colonel or Lt-Col.	1	
2nd. Lt; i/c	1	
2nd. Lt. i/c M.T. instructions	3	
N.C.Os. M.T. instructors	5	
Troop for duty	5	
Total	20	
Civilian Personnel		
Instructors	10	
Employed	8	
Total	18	

The object is to continue to use the

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Total 20

Civilian Personnel
Instructors
Employed

10
8

Total 18

The object is to continue to use the Technical School in Rome, at present on loan by the War Ministry to ALCOM Special Transport Group, for the higher training of Officers and H.C.Os. of the Transport Directorate.

The buildings in question are specially designed and equipped for the purpose.

SEE 452/1

Enacted
and signed
R.A. CURTIS

RAC/slb

1/6/1942

RAC Q2
R.A. CURTIS, 1942
FOR THE
SECRETARY

464

Subject: - Recovery Italian Army Vehicles - Recovery Unit.

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

ROME

Q/5

May 45.

To: Ministry of War.

453

Reference Appendix 'A' to our letter Q/5 dated
12 May 1945.

Recovery Units have been allocated as under,
and will move to MILAN and BOLZANO by approximately
27 May and 3 June respectively.

	<u>Territorial H.Q.</u>	<u>Recovery Unit.</u>
No. 3	MILAN	23
No. 4	BOLZANO	24

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

Copy to: CG Fifth Army
HQ Rear Eighth Army
4 US Corps

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Recovery Unit.Territorial H.Q.

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No. 3 MILAN

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No. 4 BOLZANO

11/10/42
 R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
 for Major General.
 M.M.I.A.

427

Copy to: CG Fifth Army

HQ Rear Eighth Army

4 US Corps

1 District

2 District

MMIA LO Fifth Army

MMIA LO Fifth Army (Br. Incr.)

MMIA LO Eighth Army

MMIA LO 1 District

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REAR MMIA

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Lt. Col. CUCCICCI

ADC for Comd.

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Subject:- Italian Army Transport - Sardinia.

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

ROME

Q/5

22 May 45.

To: Ministry of War.

Reference our Q/5 dated 16 May 45.

Add the following to scale of authorised
transport -

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>M/C</u>	<u>Pass/Vehs.</u>	<u>Load Carr.</u>	<u>Tram Tractors.</u>
24 Remount Depot	-	1	1	2

R.A. Curties

R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

SEE 472/1.

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COPY: M.M.I.A. L.O. Sardinia

Reference Y399 dated 6 May 45.

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Office
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(462)
SIGNAL MESSAGEDATE TIME

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FROM NMIA

TO NMIA LO SARDINIA

Q 275

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TOUR YL23 OF 17 MAY (.) AUTHORIZES SHIPMENT ONE CAR AS REQUESTED

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED _____

4825

(459)

Subject: - Italian Army Transport.

Land Force & Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

RCM

Q/5

17 May 45.

To: Ministry of War.

— 453/1

Reference your office circular 1/2030/SERV
paragraph 1 dated 8 May 45 attached to your letter
6/4002/SERV dated 12 May 45.

Attention is drawn to our letter Q/5 dated
12 May paragraph 1.

— 453

The seizure of Army vehicles should at present
be restricted to including the northern boundary of Rome
Territorial Command and NOT to south of rear Army boundary.

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R.A. Curtis

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

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4824

Subject: Italian Army Transport - Sardinia.

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Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.

R.M.I.A.

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16 May 1945

To: Ministry of War.

Copy to: MMA LG Sardinia.

1. The following unended scale of transport is authorised. Targa numbers of vehicles selected should be notified for release of windscreen labels. Vehicles surplus not held, viz. 5 trucks, 10 trailers, should be sent to mainland earliest opportunity.

2. Unit	M/C	Trucks/Veh under 1 ton	Load Carriers	Ambulances	Car
14 Adm Tpr Coy	20	10	70		2
14 Repair Unit	2	1	7		8
Internal Sec Div	40	13	72		
36 Amb Car Sec	1		1		
C.O.R.R.	32	36	27		

2. Unit	M/C	Pas/Veh under 1 ton	Load Carry- iers	Ambice Car
14 Adm Tpr Coy	23	10	79	
14 Repair Unit	2	1	7	
Internal Sec Div	49	13	72	2
36 Amb Car Sec	1	36	1	8
C.C.R.R.	32		27	

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R.A. CUMMINGS Lt. Col.
for Major General,
N.M.I.A.

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Internal com: RAC/slb

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COPY : Alfredo Garza MORA (who will pass orders immediately to
Cecilio Bardi)

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Translation

From - SMRE.
To - MMIA.

Ref. - 6/r. 2/Ser.
Date - 12 May 45.

* Subject - Italian Military Transport.

Ref. 85 dated 15 May 45. 437.

Further to the request made in para. 7 of letter named above to which we answer, herewith attached, for your information, copy of this office circular no 1/2030 dated 8th inst.

See 459

[Sgd] G. LIVERI.

SEE 469/1. 4821

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Translation

From: SM RE (M of D)
 To: Circular

Ref: 1/2030/Sew.
 Date: 8th May 45.
 military

Subject: Discipline and control of Italian make ^{military} vehicles.

I) The necessity to impose a strict discipline on the circulation of all Italian make vehicles belonging to the army and the necessity to account for and salvage all vehicles still kept illegally by military units and civilian branches, compelled this Ministry, in agreement with MMH, to issue strict instructions ~~enforced~~ ^{for this} purpose. These rules and prescriptions are shown in details in attached appendix.

Such instructions will be enforced also, gradually, by Allied Troop HQs in Italy, in northern Italy recently liberated. These instructions will be fully enforced with effect from 16th May 45 in the territory south of the line of the "army area" and in the Islands.

II) I wish to point out the following:-

a) This policy will answer, not only to various discipline and moral needs but will also, once the situation is settled, improve the general situation of motorized transport both for army units and civilian branches in accordance with the country's requirements.

b) The Supreme Allied HQ has already pointed out on this matter, that all vehicles belonging to the Italian Military Administration which have been or will be salvaged, are the property of the Italian Government and will be employed in accordance with an established plan, for the benefit of the country. However, it will be born in mind that, once the requirements of the Italian Army are satisfied, the remaining vehicles will be used for the benefit of the civilian population.

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c) The carrying out of such plan and, first of all, the completion of requirements of the Italian Army, are subordinate to the aim to be reached and for which, these instructions are issued.

d) Actually, ~~10/6~~ of vehicles laid down for vehicles and which are detailed in appendix attached, must be considered as temporary and are liable to be amended whenever it is necessary to do so. Therefore, the addressees can forward to this office their proposals and requests, stating reasons for same.

III) Therefore, I trust and count on the full comprehension and collaboration of all Large Units Hqs and particularly, I entrust to the G.H.Q. C.M.H. and to Territorial Hqs, the duties of controlling and carrying out of these instructions with all available means at their disposal. Special attention should be given in the carrying out of the duty of stopping and confiscating all vehicles circulating without the windshield label prescribed for vehicles assigned and authorized to circulate.

before IV) Finally, Hqs addressed above will please forward, ~~with~~ the 15th June 45, a detailed report on vehicles handed over and salvaged.

Art. and M.T. General Directorate will please forward a similar report showing the number and the type of vehicles handed over to various Repair Units.

(Sgd) L. RONGE

G.F.

Appendix attached to letter 11020/Sec.
dated 8/5/45.

Instructions dealing with the control and recovery of all vehicles belonging to the Italian Mil. Bdm. and kept illegally by ~~any~~ army units and civilian branches.

I) In accordance with instructions which are being carried out, all vehicles detailed in appendix attached, which have been assigned to units of the army ~~and~~ as per W/C and which have been authorized to circulate, have been provided with the proper windshield label.

Units which have not yet applied for or received such labels, will forward their request by the quickest possible means through ^{normal} channels.

With effect from 10th May 45, all Italian Army vehicles, also those in possession of civilians, found circulating without the prescribed label on the windshield, will be confiscated.

II) Units which are still in possession of vehicles surplus to W/C and therefore not authorized to circulate, will return these vehicles immediately to the nearest Repair Unit (Rome, Naples, Bari, Florence, Catanzaro, Cephari, Terni).

It is pointed out that the handing over of vehicles applies to both efficient and inefficient vehicles. Also vehicles which ~~will~~ ^{are} confiscated because circulating without ~~proper~~ authority, will be handed over to Repair Units.

Strict disciplinary and penal measures will be adopted against the offenders.

III) Repair Units will transfer as soon as possible and to the nearest efficient Vehicle Park all vehicles received.

P. T. O.

IV) Immediate requirements of units which have no vehicles and require same, will be provided ~~by~~ temporarily by Territorial Hqs. Authorized and registered vehicles will be given to these units until an assignment for same, on request, is duly approved.

G. F.
A

Subplot: Rosemary Lind, Army Vets.

David Forrest Suñ Comm. A.B.
(M. V. I. A.) R O M E

12 May 1945

453

To: Ministry of War.

1. Further to this HQ Q/5 dated 1 May 1945 which required a number of Army vehicles not registered and labeled. To avoid confusion the seizure of Army vehicles should be for the present restricted to including Rome Territorial Command.
2. The recovery of vehicles in the North will be a responsibility of the Territorial HQ now being established and it is a matter of urgency that all concerned should be informed of the machinery for recovering, repairing and issuing all such vehicles.
3. The Territorial HQ directly concerned, the Recovery Unit, the Repair Units, and the Efficient Vehicle Parks will be set out in discussion Appendix "A".
4. A review of the repair facilities available is being carried out by Major EDWARDS, MATA accompanied by Col. HAJMUTTO. His preliminary report is attached as Appendix "B".
5. Major ARTHUR MATA accompanied by Lt Col CHICOTTE leave for MILAN on 13 May where they will contact Lt Col GEMO Chief of Staff to General CANARD who will advise as to the detailed procedure to be followed in recovering Army vehicles held by particulars.
6. They will take with them a copy of HQ Q/5, No. 5 (mentioned) and a copy of this HQ letter ST/1004 of 30 April addressed to the Chief Secretary of State.
7. The following Munition Troops have been formed and will move first priority on available transport.

Edwards

No. 2 for 12101
No. 3 for 12102

4. A review of the repair facilities available is being carried out by Major MENDINS. MIRA accompanied by Col. ALANZUHO. His preliminary report is attached as Appendix "B".

Palmito

5. Major MURIN MIRA accompanied by Lt. Col. CUCUTOLI leaves for MIAMI on 13 May where they will contact Lt. Col. FLORES Chief of Staff to General CANZARI who will advise us to the detailed procedure to be followed in recovering Army vehicles held by partisans.

They will take with them a copy of AMHQ Carc. No. 5 (supplanted) and a copy of this HQ letter SE/1004 of 20 April addressed to the General Secretary of State.

6. The following MIRA but Coy's have been forwarded and will have first priority on available transport.

- No. 2 for GENOA
- No. 3 for MILAN
- No. 6 for BOLOGNA
- No. 7 for FLORENCE

The above but Coy's will be made up to strength in vehicles as soon as possible by the AMHQ concerned.

7. All other vehicles will be collected under arrangements of AMHQ and those efficient placed under guard in efficient vehicle, tanks.

Particulars of these vehicles and any requests for the allocation of vans will be sent to the Ufficio Servizio SMI on the forms of form "C" as soon as possible.

SEE 490.
SEE 464.

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8. Recovery Commissions will be instructed by you to submit reports on their activities to the Ministry at regular weekly intervals.

RAC/10

RAC/10

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

Copy to: CG Fifth Army
HQ Near Eighth Army
4 US Corps
1 District
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MMIA LO Eighth Army
MMIA LO 1 District
MMIA LO 2 District
RENE MMIA
ST MMIA
Major AUSPIN
Lt Col CUCCIOLI
ADC for Comd.
C.O.S.
"G" MMIA
"A" MMIA
War Diary

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<u>Territorial H.Q.</u>	<u>Recovery Unit</u>	<u>Repair Unit</u>	<u>Unit responsible for receiving eff. vehicles.</u>
No. 7 FLORENCE	(A)	No. 5	(B)
No. 6 BOLOGNA	(C)	Local resources	No. 6 Admin. Tp
No. 2 GENOA	Not yet allocated	"	No. 2 Admin. Tp
No. 1 TURIN	"	"	(B)
No. 3 MILAN	(D)	"	(B)
No. 4 BOLZANO	Not yet allocated	"	Not yet allocated

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APPENDIX A to M.M.I.A.
Letter Q/5 dated May. 1945.

Unit	Unit responsible for receiving efficient vehicles.	Remarks
5	(B)	(A) Will be assisted by No. 21 Recovery Commission.
resources	No. 6 Admin. Tpt. Coy.	(B) To be provided immediately from one of the three EVP units now forming, i.e. No. 4 at Naples, Nos. 6 & 7 at Bari.
	No. 2 Admin. Tpt. Coy.	(C) Will be assisted by No. 22 Recovery Commission.
	(B)	(D) To be provided immediately from one of the two units now forming in Rome, i.e. No. 23 & No. 24.
	(B)	
	Not yet allocated	

APIX. "B" to M.I.A. letter
Q/5 dated May 1945.

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL.

FROM: M.I.A. I.C.
British Increment 5 Army
(Major Edwards)
TO : M.I.A. (attn Lt.Col.Curties)
REF: 5/LO/44
DATE:
May 112224
RESTRICTED

ARRIVED MODENA SUNDAY REPORTED REAR FIVE ARMY LIATSON
OFFICER (.) MAIN WORKSHOPS BOLOGNA BADLY DAMAGED(.)
SPARES SITUATION REASONABLY HEALTHY (.) HAVE
STARTED HUNDRED WORKMEN THROUGH TERRITORIAL COM-AND
ON SORTING OUT SPARES AND REPAIR OF SERVICEABLE
BUILDINGS (.) MACHINERY FROM WORKSHOPS HAS BEEN
REMOVED TO BRUNICO BOLZANA AREA WITH A CONSIDERABLE
QUANTITY OF SPARES FROM PIACENZA (.) PROCEEDING
NORTH TOMORROW AFTER LIATSON WITH MAJOR VAN KIRK
TO BLOCK MACHINERY AND SPARES (.) WORKSHOPS AT
BUDRIO IN BOLOGNA AREA UNSERVICEABLE(.) HAVE
RECOVERED SIX TRACTORS TYPE BREDA AND SENT TO
BOLOGNA ORMEZOS FOR RECONDITIONING(.) NO TYRES
OR VEHICLES FOUND IN BOLOGNA AREA(.) VEHICLES ARE
BEING RECOVERED IN VERONA AREA AND NORTH BY MAJOR
VAN KIRK AND PLACED IN GUARDED PARKS UNDER AMERICAN
CONTROL(.) PERMIT FOR ITALIAN OFFICERS WITH ME GIVEN
BY REAR FIVE ARMY (.) GENERAL POSITION FAIRLY
HEALTHY

APPX. "B" to MIA letter
Q/5 dated May 1945.

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL.

FROM: M.E.I.A. L.O.
British Increment 5 Army
(Major Edwards)
TO : M.E.I.A. (attn Lt.Col.Curties)
REF: 5/LO/44
DATE:
May 112224
RESTRICTED

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BY REAR FIVE ARMY (.) GENERAL POSITION FAIRLY
HEALTHY

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Appendix C. to M.M.I.A. letter
Q/5 dated May 1945

List of Vehicles held efficient at

A. 1. Targa No. Type of Vehicle

2. SummaryM/C
.....Pass. Vehicle.
.....Load carriers
.....Other Vehicles.

B. Approval is requested for the following
vehicles to be issued to Units as under

Unit	M/C	Pass/Veh	Load Carrier	Remarks
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VEHICLES TO BE ISSUED TO UNITS AS UNDER

<u>Unit</u>	<u>M/C</u>	<u>Pass/Veh</u>	<u>Load Carrier</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
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SIGNAL

File
Q/5
451

DATE TIME

FROM: MACIA

TO (FOR ACTION): LO SARDINIA

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TO (FOR INFO): PENSOUTH FOR MACIA LO

Q. 262

RESTRICTED

ARRANGE DISPATCH TO MAINLAND SOCIETY AFTER 15 MAY 1ST MEXICO PARK SQUAD

APPROX 200 MEN 75 VEHICLES

FORWARDED: Unsubstantiated

AMTIBENTIGATION: Unsubstantiated

Internal:

RECEIVED
G(SD)

4811

Subject : Ital . Army Vehicles.

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

ROME.

Q/5

8 May, 45.

To : Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.,
Sardinia.

1. Reference attached memo. This matter has been discussed with Major Austin.
2. It will be made clear to the High Commissioner for Sardinia that the maintenance of civilian vehicles from Italian Army resources cannot be authorised.
3. The present resources in tyres and spare parts for the Italian Army fall short of requirements. Those surplus to the army needs in Sardinia will eventually be withdrawn to the mainland. The maintenance of the necessary civilian transport must therefore devolve on the civil authorities as is the case on the mainland. This situation should be made clear to the High Commissioner so that the matter can be represented by him to the proper quarter.

RAC

R.A. CURTIS, Lieut.Colonel.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

RAC/DGC

4810

Subject: Reorganisation of M.T. Service.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

RCME.

Q/5

2 May 45.

To: Ministry of War.

It is agreed that central control of all spare parts by the General Directorate of Arty. and Motorization is desirable, but to avoid delay it is suggested the office to which applications are addressed should be that of the Central ~~Repairs~~ Stores.

Spare Parts
Here will eventually be the stock records and from this office your representative can make, without delay, the appropriate distribution.

RAC
R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy: R.E.M.E. to discuss details verbally at first opportunity. The claims of A.C. will also have to be considered in making releases.

RAC/fea

4809

Subject: Italian Army Vehicles.

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

ROME.

Q/5

7 May 45.

To: M.M.I.A. L.O.,
SICILY.

436/3.

Reference your MT/1 30 April. Authority is given for such tractors as are actually required to take the place of Allied load carriers to be retained for the purpose of hauling trailers. The remainder may be held in store but the issue of P.O.L. will be restricted to vehicles on the authorised establishment.

RAC

R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

RAC/fem

4808

Subject: Italian Army Troops, et.

File 437

Land Forces Sub Comm. L.C.
(G. M. I. I.) R. O. M. E.
C/5

May 1945

To: Ministry of War.

1. At appendix "A" is listed Units already authorized to hold M.T. on charge. Sufficient time has now elapsed since the introduction of the windscreen label to enable all vehicles, thus held with authority, to be identified in that manner.
2. The authorized holding of vehicles is subject to review of approved and provisional VE and the Ministry is invited to submit proposals to this end as they consider appropriate.
3. It is evident that the establishments already approved will not be completed unless there is a substantial increase in the number of vehicles made available at the Efficient Vehicle Parks. The output of the Repair Units, while increasing, is still small. It is therefore imperative that vehicles now held without due authority are withdrawn from holding Units and a more equitable distribution of available vehicles made without delay.
4. You are required to issue instructions to this effect making it clear to all concerned that the retention of a vehicle without due authority will result in severe disciplinary action. CO's of Units who have not yet received windscreen labels for authorized vehicles will be required to submit demands by the quickest available means through the usual channels. CO's of Units holding unauthorized vehicles will be required to return them to the nearest Italian Army Repair Unit the exact location of which should be notified to those concerned.
5. It will be made clear that commencing on 16th May all vehicles which can be identified as Italian Army property and which are not bearing an official windscreen label will be impounded.

In addition to the measures already being taken to recover Army vehicles in possession of civilians you are required to prevent and execute measures for collecting in unauthorized vehicles held by Army Units. The co-

4. You are requested to clear to all concerned that the retention of a vehicle without due authority will result in severe disciplinary action. CO's of Units who have not yet received windshield labels for authorized vehicles will be required to submit demands by the earliest available means through the usual channels. CO's of Units holding unauthorized vehicles will be required to return them to the nearest Italian Army Repair Unit the exact location of which should be notified to those concerned.

5. It will be made clear that commencing on 16th May all vehicles which can be identified as Italian Army property and which are not bearing an official windshield label will be impounded.

In addition to the measures already being taken to recover Army vehicles in possession of civilians you are required to prepare and execute a plan for collecting in unauthorized vehicles held by Army Units. The co-operation of the Territorial CC.MR will be obtained.

Vehicles thus recovered will be handed in to the nearest Repair Unit who will be responsible for passing them to the nearest efficient Vehicle Park with the minimum of delay.

6. Units who are in this manner deprived of transport which though unauthorized is considered essential will be provided with "authorized and registered" vehicles from War Ministry or Territorial HQ resources on loan until their entitlement has been approved.

7. You are requested to treat this matter as one of urgency and to furnish this HQ with a copy of your instructions on the subject.

MAC/10

Copy to: Transportation Sub Comm. A.C.
Public Safety Sub Comm. A.C.
All Main LO's.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Col.
for Major General,
N. H. I. A.

SEE 439.

SEE 449.

SEC

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4 Schedule of Italian Army Units Authorized
To Hold On Charge Italian Army Vehicles
(Position as at 1 May 45)

Appendix A to HRIA
 letter C/5 dated
 1 May 45.

The following abbreviations apply throughout: - M/Cs - Motorcycles (incl combinations)
 P/Vs - Passenger vehicles (up to 4 ton)
 L/Cs - Load carriers (more than 4 ton)
 S/Vs - Specialized vehicles

Authorized Vehicle Holding

REMARKS

UNIT

M/Cs P/Vs L/Cs S/Vs

ITAL-1ST INF DIV

Administrative
Transport
Companies

No	Unit	M/Cs	P/Vs	L/Cs	S/Vs	REMARKS
No 1	1st W Adm Spt Coy (Rome)	66	99	35	10 (autobuses)	
No 2	" " (Genoa)	30+	40+	60+	-	+Provisional WE/TO for Vehicles (to be implemented by recovery in the areas concerned)
No 3	" " (Milan)	30+	40+	60+	-	
No 6	" " (Bologna)	30+	40+	60+	-	
No 7	" " (Florence)	28	40	56	-	
No 8	" " (Rome)	28 2	16 1	85 8	-	Lower figures indicate additions to WE authorized with reference to 1st Div Provisional Camp (SI/420) of 1 May 45.
No 9	" " (Bari)	34	46	64	-	
No 10	" " (Naples)	31	24	113	-	
No 14	" " (Sicily)	40	5	66	-	
No 14	" " (Sardinia)	23	10	79	-	

+Provisional WE/TO for
Vehicles (to be imple-
mented by recovery in
the areas concerned)

Lower figures indicate
additions to WE authorized
with reference to the
Prosinone Camp (SE/1309
of 1 Mar refors).

No 2	"	"	"	(Genoa)	30+	10+	60+	-
No 5	"	"	"	(Milan)	50+	10+	60+	-
No 6	"	"	"	(Bologna)	30+	10+	60+	-
No 7	"	"	"	(Florence)	28	10	56	-
No 8	"	"	"	(Rome)	28) 2)	16) 1)	85) 8)	-

No 9	"	"	"	(Bari)	34	16	64	-
No 10	"	"	"	(Naples)	54	24	143	-
No 11	"	"	"	(Sicily)	10	5	65	-
No 14	"	"	"	(Sardinia)	23	10	79	-

Special
Prosinone
Campuses

No 1 STC	(Rome)	10	5	110	-
No 2 "	(Naples)	-	-	-	-
No 3 "	(Bari)	10	5	110	-
No 4 "	(Crotone)	10	5	110	-

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Wef 1 May 45 this unit is
suspended until further
notice.

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UNIT	Authorized Vehicle Holdings				REMARKS
	M/Cs	P/Vs	L/Cs	S/Vs	
<u>Brigade</u>					
<u>Vehicle</u>					
<u>Engine</u>					
No 1 EYP	(Acrob)	3	1	2	-
No 2 EYP	(Maylon)	3	1	2	-
No 3 EYP	(Bari)	3	1	2	-
No 4 EYP (location not yet assigned)		3	1	2	-
No 5 EYP	(Cagliari)	3	1	2	-
No 6 EYP (location not yet assigned)		3	1	2	-
No 7 EYP (location not yet assigned)		3	1	2	-
<u>Regt</u>					
<u>Reserve</u>					
<u>Points</u>					
No 3 PCL RP	(Milan)	1	-	2+	-
No 6 "	(Bologna)	1	-	2+	-
No 7 "	(Firenze)	1	-	2+	-
No 8 "	(Rome)	1	-	2+	-
No 9 "	(Bari)	1	-	2+	-
No 10 "	(Naples)	1	-	2+	-

At present being mobilized

" " " "

+1 of those vehicles in each case to be a trailer. (Siciliano)

No 8 LVE (location not yet assigned)

No 7 LVE (location not yet assigned)

POL

Reserve

Points

No	Unit	Location	3	4	2	At present being mobilized
No 3	POL RL	(Milan)	1	-	2+	-
No 6	"	(Bologna)	1	-	2+	-
No 7	"	(Florence)	1	-	2+	-
No 8	"	(Rome)	1	-	2+	-
No 9	"	(Bari)	1	-	2+	-
No 10	"	(Naples)	1	-	2+	-

+1 of these vehicles in each case to be a trailer.
(Minorechio)

Central

LVI-LVII

Police

School

(Rome)

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Ambulance

Car

Sections

No	Unit	Location	3	4	2	At present being mobilized
No 36	Amb Car Sec	(Sardinia)	1	-	-	B+
No 37	"	(Sicily)	1	-	1	12+
No 84	"	(Bari)	2	-	1	20+
No 85	"	(Naples)	2	-	1	20+
No 64	"	(Rome)	2	-	1	20+
No 1152	"	(Florence)	2	-	1	20+
(Number not yet allotted)	"	(Bologna)	2	-	1	20+

+ Ambulances

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Subdivided Vehicle Holding

REMARKS

UNIT

No/Co I/No I/Co S/No

Repairs
Units

No 1 Repairs Unit (Rome)	5	2	15	-
No 2 " (Naples)	5	2	15	-
No 3 " (Bari)	5	2	15	-
No 4 " (Catanzaro)	5	2	15	-
No 5 " (Florence)	5	2	15	-
No 6 " (Sardinia)	2	1	7	-
No 7 Mobile Park	3	1	60	-
No 8 " "	3	1	60	-
No 9 Recovery Section	2	1	15	-
Auxiliary Heavy Repairs Unit (Terni)	5	2	15	-
Control M.F.S.D. (Rome)	1	-	1	-

REPAIRS NON-MT UNITS

3 Sgt. Guard HQ (Incl 506-507-508-509 Hqs)	22	7	25	-
6 Sgt. Guard HQ (Incl 511 - 512 Hqs)	12	5	15	-

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Control M.I.S.D. (Regm)

INT-INT NON-AT UNITS

3 Sgt. Guard HQ (Incl 506-507-508-509 Reg)	22	7	25	-
6 Sgt. Guard HQ (Incl 511 - 512 Reg)	12	5	15	-
501 GA M.	5	1	5	-
504 " "	5	1	5	-
505 " "	5	1	5	-
510 " "	5	1	5	-
513 " "	5	1	5	-
514 " "	5	1	5	-
515 " "	5	1	5	-
516 " "	5	1	5	-
517 " "	5	1	5	-
518 " "	5	1	5	-
520 " "	5	1	5	-
521 " "	5	1	5	-
522 " "	5	1	5	-
523 " "	5	1	5	-
524 " "	5	1	5	-
525 " "	5	1	5	-

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UNIT	Authorized Vehicle Holding				REMARKS
	M/Co	P/Vs	L/Cs	S/Ms	
1st Bn	5	1	5	-	
2nd Bn	5	1	5	-	
State Internal Security Division					
501st	49	12	87	2+	
502nd	49	12	87	2+	+ Ambulances
503rd	49	12	87	2+	
504th Mine Clearance Company					
504	2	-	5	-	
505	2	-	5	-	
506	2	-	5	-	
507	2	-	5	-	
Clothing Repair Service Base					
508	-	-	2	-	
509	-	-	12	-	
510	-	-	5	-	

Vehicles authorized for exclusive service of Clothing Repair installations. (If operated and recommended by local Army Coy, the number of vehicles indicated may be held surplus to WE/TC by the Coy concerned).

561	NEW CLOTHING COMPANY	2	-	5	-
562	"	2	-	5	-
563	"	2	-	5	-
564	"	2	-	5	-

Vehicles authorized for exclusive service of Clothing Repair Installations. (If operated and accommodated by local LMA Tpt Coy, the number of vehicles indicated may be held surplus to WE/TO by the Coy concerned).

Clothing Repair Service Item	-	-	2	-
" " " " " " " "	-	-	12	-
" " " " " " " "	-	-	8	-

Italian Army Welfare Service	-	4	-	-
Italian Army Newspaper Unit	6	1	12	-
Italian Army Cinema Unit	-	-	1	-

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No 1 Surviving Detachments "A"	1	-	1	-
No 2	"	1	1	-
No 3	"	1	1	-
No 4	"	1	2	-
No 5	"	1	2	-
No 6	"	1	2	-
No 7	"	1	2	-
No 8	"	1	2	-

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UNIT	Authorized Vehicle Holding				REMARKS
	M/Cs	S/Vs	L/Cs	S/Vs	
4th GI BN	5	1	5	-	
1st PA BN	5	1	5	-	
1st Internal Security Division					
5th " "	49	12	87	2+	
6th " "	49	12	87	2+	+ Ambulances
7th " "	49	12	87	2+	
501st Airborne Division					
501 " "	2	-	5	-	
502 " "	2	-	5	-	
503 " "	2	-	5	-	
504 " "	2	-	5	-	
1st Airborne Division					
1st " "	-	-	2	-	Vehicles authorized for exclusive service of clothing repair installations. (If operated and accommodated by local Admin Coy, the number of vehicles indicated may be held surplus to WE/TO by the Coy concerned).
2nd " "	-	-	12	-	
3rd " "	-	-	8	-	

564 Mine Clearance Company

2 1 3

562	"	"	"	2	1	3
563	"	"	"	2	1	3
564	"	"	"	2	1	3

Vehicle authorized for exclusive service of clothing repair installations. (If operated and accommodated by local AAR unit, the number of vehicles indicated may be held surplus to VE/TC by the Coy concerned).

Clothing Vehicle Service Unit	2	1	3
" " " " " "	12	1	3
" " " " " "	8	1	3

Italian Army Welfare Service

4 1 12

Italian Army Newspaper Unit

1 1 1

Italian Army Cinema Unit

1 1 1

4303

No 1 Personnel Detachment "A"

1 1 1

No 2 " " " "

1 1 1

No 3 " " " "

1 1 1

No 4 " " " "

1 1 1

No 5 " " " "

1 1 1

No 6 " " " "

1 1 1

No 7 " " " "

1 1 1

No 8 " " " "

1 1 1

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UNIT	Authorized Vehicle Holding				REMARKS
	W/Cs	P/Ws	I/Cs	S/Ws	
No 21 Recovery Unit	1	1	3	1+	
No 22 "	1	1	3	1+	+ Workshop Vehicle
No 23 "	1	1	3	1+	
No 24 "	1	1	3	1+	
Notes: Assistance Organization	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	WT/TO for vehicles to be submitted.
and the MT Unit	(12)	(27)	(13)	-	WT/TO for vehicles under examination.
" 133 Special WT Coy	(14)	(4)	(3)	-	" " "
" Industrial Inspection Teams	-	17	3	-	
CO. HQ. (Military Formations)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	WT/TO for vehicles under examination.
CO. HQ. (Territorial Formations)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	" " "

" 125 Special WE Coy	(4)	(4)	(4)	-	"	"	"
" Industrial Inspection Teams	-	17	4	-	"	"	"
CO.MI. (Military Formations)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	WE/TC for vehicles	under observation.	
CS.S. (Territorial Formations)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	"	"	"

SERVICE UNITS (SUB-UNIT AND REGIMENT)

205 Legionnaire III and
Dependent Units

201	"	"	"	"	WE/TC for vehicles not yet
202	"	"	"	"	determined.
203	"	"	"	"	Italian Army
207	"	"	"	"	any vehicles in possession
208	"	"	"	"	of these divisions are
209	"	"	"	"	until further notice
217	"	"	"	"	automatically authorized.
220	"	"	"	"	
230	"	"	"	"	
231	"	"	"	"	

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Can you vehicles not get

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Italian Army
Army/Vehicles in possession

But these Divisions are

which further noticed

Internationalizing Otorlone.

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(Subject: Recovery of Motor Transport Material.)

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

R O T E

Q/5 ✓

30 April 42.

M. I. A. M. I. A.

/359.4TH Jockey.

The following extract from G. C. G. letter to M. I. A. Comd
dated 1/5 42 is for inf. M. I. A. Ministry will be instructed
to refer disposal of such vans to the nearest Tpt Control Officer
and obtain a certificate which will accompany application to
this G. C.

"In certain cases some of the recovered vehicles may be
obsolete and not suitable for military use. Also certain
components or parts may be or become unsuitable for military use.
In these cases, each of these vehicles, components, 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 M. I. A. Ministry will be given
authority, in writing, to dispose of the vehicle as it seems fit."

RRR

M. I. A. Comd, Lt. Col.
M. I. A.

RRR/cb

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COPY OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA
TO : LO SARDINIA
REF : SD 2641

Date Time

28 1745 B

C O N F I D E N T I A L

FOR MMIA LO (*)

IT IS DESIRED TO MOVE ALL SURPLUS HORSES AND M T TO MAINLAND (*)
FORWARD YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW MANY HORSES AND HOW MUCH M T
SHOULD REMAIN ON ISLAND FOR ITALIAN MILITARY INCLUDING C C HRI AND
HOW MUCH WILL THEREFORE BE AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT TO MAINLAND

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED P I N K L E Y

MAJOR

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JV 28 April 45.

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SUBJECT : Italian Army VehiclesLand Forces Sub Comd. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R C M E
C/5

27 April 45

TO : AFHQ for C (AE)

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Ref your AFHQ/6310/C(AE) of 7 April 45.

The attached copy of a letter received from Hq 38
Vehicles Coy is fwd for your information.It will be seen that all the vehicles in question
have already been disposed of to salvage.While the necessity of obtaining your prior approval
before attempting to recover Italian Army property from BR
Veh Parks is accepted, it is requested instructions may be
issued to cause those concerned to exercise some restraint in
disposing of such vehicles before the required formalities
are observed.*R. A. Curtis*R. A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.Copy : REME MMIA for action to recover spares
H.Q. RAAC alleged to be in possession ADOS RAAC.

HAC/lm

Cu 416

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SUBJECT : Requisitioned Vehicles Released to M.M.I.A.

Headquarters,
38 Vehicle Company,
C.M.F.
Ref: 38HQ/157/91

Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C. (MMIA)
C.M.F.

23 April 45

Copy to: File 38HQ/45/103

1. Reference your RMR/1502, of 20 April 45, and confirming telephone conversation (Major Taylor - Salmon)
2. Copy of our reply to D.O.S. Ord. Brit. AFHQ, dated 16 April 45, under reference 38HQ/45/95, in response to their instructions to make the vehicles in question available for your collection, is enclosed.
3. From this you will see that the vehicles are no longer available for collection, having been passed to Salvage.
4. It is believed that A.D.O.S. R.A.A.C. obtained certain spares from the vehicles prior to these being broken down by Salvage.

Colonel,
Commanding, 38 Vehicle Company RAOC

In the Field.

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Translation.

From; M. of V.

To ; MNIA.

Subject; Reorganisation of the M.T. service.

Ref; 11615

20/4/45.

26/4/45.

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Att., sheet No 2 of circular 208000 dated 5/4/45, para "B" No 3, lays down that the Central "spares" stores, will be dependant of the 1st Repair Unit for disciplinary purposes, and will be aggregated to the same unit for administration.

The word "administration" does not clearly indicate on whom the responsibility lies regarding requests from other repair units, for spare parts for exchange, and the subsequent orders for distribution.

The service being of a general character, and of interest to all units, it is deemed necessary that all requests for raw materials from the units themselves, should be made to the General Directorate of Arty., and Motorisation, who alone are aware of the various situations, and can therefore judge the needs of the various units.

So we propose to add to para., "B" No 3, as follows.-

" The requests for parts for exchange from the interested units, will be addressed to the General Directorate of Arty., and Motorisation, who will arrange for the distribution of same.

This amendment does not entail any alteration in the personnel, or in the disciplinary, and administrative responsibility of the 1st Repair Unit, while it will ensure a closer collaboration between the Arty., and Motorisation Division of the a/m General Directorate.

GD.

Rao

(Under Secretary of State)
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SUBJECT : Tpt 34 Surgical UnitLand Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
C/5

26 April 45

TO : CG. Fifth Army for Br Iner.

There is in possession of 34 Surgical Unit Legnano Gruppo a 6 ton Italian lorry which is required for conversion to a mobile dental centre. The W.E. provides for this Unit to hold two 3 ton lorries and it is requested these be provided as soon as practicable in order that the Italian vehicle may be released.

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

Copy : 52 BLU ref LG/AQ/3 19 April

Approval can not be given for this vehicle to be retained surplus to establishment and it should be returned when replaced. It is to be noted that British F.S.U's worked successfully in the Desert Campaign with 3 ton British lorries.

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To avoid the situation's becoming unbearable, you are kindly requested to examine the possibility of drawing a certain quantity of spare parts and above all tires which are at the 18th Auto Park, Abbassanta, eventually recovering them from the military vehicles considered no longer serviceable.

The minimum tire needs to meet the present crisis are as follows:

400 - tire and inner tubes 42 x 9
100 - tire and inner tubes 38 x 9
100 - tire and inner tubes 34 x 7
150 - tire and inner tubes 9.75 x 20 or
55 x 8 or 210 x 20

Attached is detailed list of spare parts needed.

J. A. T. *Pinna*

Recd

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High Commissioner for Sardinia
(Gen Pietro Pinna)
/s/ Pietro Pinna

1st Ind

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SARDINIA DETACHMENT, LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C. (SMIA), 26 April 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (SMIA), Rome.

1. Forward request for tires and spare parts for Italian civilian vehicles.
2. Major Austin states there are no tires available as requested above.
3. As Major Austin is coming to Rome soon suggest this entire matter be taken up with him as to what is available, and request this office be instructed as to action to be taken.
4. This request is in addition to the request previously made for spare parts for the 100 vehicles turned over to the High Commissioner and you authorized by Par 5 of your ST/1507 dated 12 April.

Lester R. Albert

LESTER R. ALBERT
Lt Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

Incl

List of Spare Parts Requested (5 pages)

TRANSLATION 705/rre 24 APRIL 45

Cagliari, 19 April 1945

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SARDINIA
Cagliari

No. 10627

SUBJECT: State of Auto Transport in Sardinia

TO : Colonel Albert, HQ 1391A Sardinia.

Reference conversation with Major Martin, you are informed of the difficult state of civil auto transport in Sardinia.

The requisitions made by the Military authorities from 1940 on, reduced appreciably the number of efficient civilian trucks; they are steadily becoming fewer in number due to the lack of spare parts and tires. In fact no such materials have arrived on the island since the spring of 1943 and reserve stocks were soon exhausted.

Heavy vehicles (greater than 40 q.li capacity) and medium vehicles (20 - 40 q.li) have been particularly overworked, since their extensive use was necessitated to relieve an insufficiency of rail transport.

The number of heavy and medium trucks which at present have circulation licenses are as follows:

<u>CAGLIARI PROVINCE</u>	Heavy Trucks	110	
	Med. trucks	62	
			172
<u>SASSARI PROVINCE</u>	Heavy trucks	24	
	med. trucks	20	
			44
<u>NUORO PROVINCE</u>	Heavy trucks	17	
	Med. trucks	24	
			41
			257

Due to the difficulty of making needed repairs and the very poor state of tires, 70% of said vehicles are always inefficient and in such straits it is not possible to meet the most urgent needs of collective interest (transport of foodstuffs, coal, automotive public services).

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Subject: Vehicles Eligible for Servicing
by IRI-III Repairs Units.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) RICE
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25 April 1945

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To: Ministry of War.

1. Reference para 6 of this H.Q. letter No. as above dated 21 Apr 45.
2. The servicing of vehicles on charge of CC.RR Units will be accepted by the Army Repair Units who will however not bring them on charge.
3. Tyres and spare parts as available will be fitted and the vehicles when repaired will be returned to the CC.RR Unit which handed them in. They will not pass through an Efficient Vehicle Park.
4. Owing to the paucity of reconditioned vehicles it is not possible to replace a vehicle handed in by the CC.RR and which requires more than 48 hrs for repairs.

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

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SUBJECT : Reorganisation of ITI=ITI MT Units and
Vehicles allotments, Sicily

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

25 April 45
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TO : MMIA LO Sicily

Ref MT/1/ 18 apr 45

1. Your para 2 noted.
2. Your para 3. What guns are in possession of these regiments. If none your enquiry is not understood.
If they are training with or using artillery on what authority are they so equipped?

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R. A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Col. DA & QMG
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT : Roads FRTC ICFLand Forces Sub Comm.AC.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M S
Q/5

24 April 45

TO : F BLU
RFC ICF

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Ref your QA/14/297 12 April.

RAAC have been requested to take all possible steps to improve the roads in the vicinity of the camp. Lack of bitumen has made it impossible to provide a surface in accordance with original specification.

It is presumed that you have insisted on a drastic speed limit being imposed on transport using these roads and banned their use to track vehicles.

Any orders issued on this subject should be most rigourously enforced.

Copy to :
G (T) MMIA
SORE II MMIA*R.A.C.*
R.A. CURTIES Lt.Col.
for Major General
MMIA

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Subject:- Vehicles Eligible for Servicing
by ITI-ITI Repairs Units.

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

21 April 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. In order to ensure that Italian Army M.T. Workshops do not accept for repair vehicles from unauthorised units (thereby hindering their out put of reconditioned vehicles to Efficient Vehicle Parks and encouraging the retention of vehicles by unauthorised holders), you will please issue instructions as follows to Nos 1, 2 and 3 Repairs Units:-
2. Eventually only vehicles with the official windscreen label will be accepted by Italian Army Repairs Units.
Until distribution of these labels has been completed the following instructions will apply.
3. The following classes of M.T. only will be accepted for repair:-
 - a) Italian Army Vehicles on charge to authorised ITI-ITI M.T. Units.
 - b) Italian Army Vehicles on charge to ITI-ITI non M.T. Units authorised to hold vehicles in their own right (e.g. Gd. Bns)

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- b) Italian Army Vehicles in possession of PR-ITI or US-ITI Units.

To assist the C.S. Repair Unit in deciding the validity of a claim a list is attached at Appendix "A" of Units entitled to present vehicles for repairs:

4. Any vehicles other than the above presented for repair will immediately be impounded by the Repairs Unit, who will produce a copy of the War Ministry order resulting from this letter as authority for their action. The Repairs Unit will furnish a receipt in duplicate for the vehicle, one copy of which will be forwarded by the unit to the next Higher Italian authority to cover removal of the vehicle from unit charge. Vehicles thus impounded will be overhauled by the Repairs Unit concerned and pass into the appropriate Efficient Vehicle Park.

5. Any vehicle which cannot be made serviceable by Repairs Units within 48 hours will be automatically struck off unit charge and taken on charge of the Repairing Unit, who will furnish receipts in triplicate to the unit. Two copies of such receipts will then be forwarded by the unit through usual channels to Field Service Supt in support of their demand for a replacement. Vehicles thus taken on charge of Repairs Units will be reconstruction and transferred to the appropriate Efficient Vehicle Park.
6. *The servicing of vehicles on charge of CO.P.R. Units will be the subject of a separate communication.*
7. Please forward to this H.Q. as soon as possible a copy of your instructions to the Repairs Units implementing the foregoing.

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Approved by
F.J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General,
M.M.F.A.

No 1 R.U.

ROME

(excluding Florence Det)

War Ministry Admin Tpt Coy.
 No 8 Terr. Admin. Tpt Coy
 Driving School Ciarpaglini
 No 1 Efficient Vehicle Park
 No 1 Repairs Unit
 No 1 Special Tpt Coy
 Control Int Stores Depot
 HQ Italian Army Intelligence
 No 135 Special Wireless Coy
 808 Battalion
 No 61 Ambulance Car Section
 521 Guard Bn.
 523 " "
 524 " "
 525 " "
 Italian Army Newspaper Unit
 " " Cinema "

No 2 R.U.

NAPLES

No 10 Territorial Admin
 No 2 Special Tpt Coy
 No 2 Efficient Vehicle
 No 2 Repairs Unit
 No 85 Ambulance Car Sect
 No 3 Regt. Guard R.O.
 506 Guard Bn.
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 518 do
 Clothing Repair Unit
 M. P Searchlight Unit
 205 Admin Div.
 212 " "

Any BR-ITI or US-ITI Units (such units can
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 No 2 Special Tpt Coy
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 205 Admin Div.
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APPX "A"

No 3 R.U.

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No 9 Terr. Admin. Tpt Coy
 No 3 Special Tpt Coy
 No 3 Efficient Veh. Park
 No 3 Repairs Unit
 No 84 Ambulance Car Sec.
 501 Guard Bn
 510 do
 514 do
 Clothing Repair Unit
 227 Admin. Div.
 230 Admin. Div.
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IRI Units (such units can be readily identified by the fact
 that one of the eight Administrative Divisions, 205 - 209
 - 228 - 230 - or - 231 respectively).

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Subject:- Recovery M.T.

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

MINISTRY OF WAR.

21 April 45.

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Ref. your 11587/1850/R dated 10 Apr/45.

1. As explained in this M.Q. letter 4/3 5 6 Feb/45 and later decided in greater detail at a conference held at the Ministry of War the recovery and repair of Army vehicles is entrusted to the newly created Directorate of Repairs and Recovery.
2. This Directorate has been authorised to establish M.Q. at Rome, Naples, Bari, Palermo, Florence and in Sardinia with a suitable staff working in co-operation with the appropriate Territorial M.Q. In addition there has been established a Repairs and Recovery Unit at Rome, Naples, Bari and Catanzaro in addition to one in Sardinia.
These Units have suitable vehicles for recovering broken down lorries and towing them to the nearest inefficient vehicle park.
3. It is not understood why the Ministry have difficulty in effecting the recovery of their property as the result of any defect in the organization.
It would appear that the Territorial M.Q. through the agency of its Recovery and Repairs Directorate should be able to trace and note location of material to be collected. It would then be a matter of arranging the recovery of the material in question utilising such transport as is at the disposal of the M.Q. concerned.
4. Nor is it understood why any orders from this M.Q. have precluded the use of civilian agencies.
Provided such agencies are engaged only on the haulage of material to Army Depots or Vehicle Parks and it is considered essential to employ such a method owing to non availability of Army transport no objection is raised.

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It is however specifically prohibited to enter into any arrangement whereby a civilian firm is allowed to repair army vehicles on the understanding they shall be allowed to operate a proportion of the vehicles for their own use.

Such a practice can only add to the difficulty which the Ministry is experiencing in recovering army vehicles from the hands of unlawful owners.

5. If you will furnish details of the recovery groups operated by the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force and in particular any example of such groups having operated against the Army's interests M.M.I.A. will take up the matter with the appropriate Sub-Commission.

In the meanwhile it is considered that there is no excuse for allowing any substantial amount of material, the location of which is known, to remain "exposed to theft and pillage" and immediate action will be taken by you to remedy such an unsatisfactory state of affairs.

6. Any difficulty which the Ministry may have in recovering their property in which Allied Officers are concerned should be reported to this H.Q. In all other cases the Ministry should enforce their right to regain possession by whatever means available to them under Italian law.

7. If after consideration of this letter you wish to represent the need of forming additional Recovery Units such as N°21 and N°22 you are requested to arrange for your representative to visit this H.Q. when the matter can be discussed. It is felt however that the functions of these units except in the forward areas can be performed in the manner described above and through the Administrative Staff which has been already approved.

F.J. Noakes

F.J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A. 4786

TRANSLATION.

FROM: Presidency of the Council of the Ministries

REF: 31130/I/2/2

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 1 April 1945

SUBJECT: Recovery of M.T. material.

I have been informed by the War Ministry that the adoption has been requested by the Allied Authorities of a measure which orders the immediate recovery of all the motor transport material belonging to the Italian Army, including that renovated, or in the course of being renovated, by civilians and employed by them, on contract basis, for other uses, which are usually in the nature of public interest.

The forementioned ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Ministry considered it necessary to submit to M.M.I.A., in its letter 20030/II dated 15 March, that the measure, as planned at present, could not fail to have serious repercussions on the general situation in the country, cutting in on the delicate matter of transport.

Sharing the concern expressed by the War Ministry, I should be very obliged to M.M.I.A. if it could give the whole of its kind attention to the observations submitted to it, in the view of a possible re-consideration of the measure.

Sgd. SPATARO

Under-Secretary of State.

C. DAVIN CPL.

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Subject: Italian Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M S
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20 April 1945

To: AFHQ for G/AS.

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1. Reference is made to AFHQ/6510/G(AS) of 7 Apr 45 and AFHQ/6510/G(AS) of 15 Dec 44.
2. Arrangements are being made to pick up the "captured" vehicles in 408 RVF as released by you.
3. It is appreciated that considerable difficulty will be experienced in determining accurately the status, i.e. captured or Italian property, of the vehs listed in your AFHQ/6510/G(AS) of 7 Apr 45. The Italian Government are being informed that in view of the grant of vehs from 408 RVF the question of the vehs (list att) sold to GRILLO ADAMO is closed by confirming GRILLO in legal possession of the vehs and striking off Italian Army records.

FJH/ls

F. J. Noault
F. J. Noault, Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Ministry of War (by hand L.G.) - your 7751-Auto of 10 Oct 44 refers.

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COPY

List of Captured Vehicles Disposed of by local sale
to Civilians - x Base Salvage Depot, Torre Annunziata

Type of Vehicle	US or Italian Registration No.	Engine No.	Chassis No.
SPA 8-cwt 4x2	5240333	19934	50314 -
FIAT 5 ton	51533198	205008778?	N11
SPA 3-ton R	3864409	18-300689	N11
SPA (10-cwt 011)	5246334	10089	N11
FIAT 5-ton	5240372	226BLM004914	004575 -
FIAT 5-ton	N11	226BLM003009	002884 -
FIAT 5-ton	N11	227-004918	626BLM004572 -
FIAT 5-ton	5240334	326-002472	626-002516 -
FIAT 10-ton	N11	355C-007557	634H-006348 -
FIAT 5-ton	155941	226BLM006473	626BLM006113 -
FIAT 5-ton	N11	226BLM005680	626BLM005275 -
GRIL 3-ton (Type 670G)	66970	42BHT0243	N11
FIAT 5 ton	RE60641	226BLM007540	626BLM007165 -
FIAT 5 ton	4711455	226BLM006495	626BLM006135 -
GRIL 3 ton (Type 6700AG)	N11	42BHT2613A	BR 172688 -
FIAT 5 ton	150352	226BLM006496	626BLM0065387 -
FIAT 5 ton	N11	226BLM002984	626BLM002085 -
FIAT 5 ton	44X(Canadian)	226 + 006936	- 006576
FIAT 5 ton	79 Provost	226BLM007593	626BLM007205
LANCIA-APRILIA 8-cwt	BN57 082	BNF 973096	+
SPA 30 cwt CORSETTA	N11	18300689	-
FIAT (Type 500 RAFF)	WD RAFF 05	026077	-
FIAT Ballon 58 HP	BN606	108-100793	508-099925
CADILLA	135 RAP ASP		
SPA 28(3 ton)	BN15240376	18-300689	36135 -
FIAT 5-ton WD	WD(9) 548	226BLM006387	626BLM006019 -
LANCIA AUGUSTA 8 hp			
(Blue Bal-on)	WD RAP WD57	15721	34-12448 -
LANCIA LORRY 4x2	RE 90534	464-12001-10	- Engine Block No53
CARRO RIMORCHIO M34			
(Tr Trailer)	1514-	-	- Four wheels solid -
FIAT 5-ton	WD RAP TA 45	386-004421	666-002894 -
FIAT 5 ton	40	226BLM001592	626 BLM001433 -
RENAULT 3-ton Lorry	N11	22546	N11
GRANT (German Amb)	163039	PHARMACIN GRANT	GULIAN WINTER
		58296A	529 JAHN 1940 -
		0022622	017829 Block No -
SPA 3 ton 38R	RE 13177		18300689
FIAT 5 (CHIRABONO) Mark 60 N11		118-013406	618-005489 -

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Subject:- Roads - CESANO R.T.C. I.C.F.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
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19 April 45.

Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command.

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Ref. AQ/14/297 12 Apr/45 added by E BLU to this H.Q.
copy to you and enclosing a copy of their AQ/14/298 12 Apr.

Please confirm that action is being taken to remedy
the state of the roads at this training centre.

R.A. Cunties

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

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Subject : Night Transport for Italian Typographers. Civilian.

LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C.

(M.M.I.A.) ROME

2/5

16 Apr 45

TO : PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH (3)
Copy to : Ministry of War (for attention Col FERRONE)

Reference your 20/PRB of 7 Apr.

This matter has been carefully considered and it is regretted that permission can not be granted for the continuance of this service.

The provision of necessary transport for employees of the newspapers is not in any way a military responsibility.

The employment of military vehicles and expenditure of petrol from Allied sources on this service can not be permitted to continue, nor has this Sub Commission any authority to approve such an undertaking.

The War Ministry are required to withdraw the five lorries at present engaged in this work immediately other arrangements can be made, and in any event, not later than the 30th April, and to report to this H.Q. as soon as this has been done.

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

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Subject: Letter to Italian Army Vehs.

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

1. Herewith for information a copy of AFHQ Circular No. 5 dated 14 April 1945.
2. Instructions for implementation will be issued shortly.

FJN/le

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

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11 April 1944

CIRCULAR

NUMBER 5)

Road Traffic Control Code..... I
Title to Italian Army Vehicles..... II

I -- ROAD TRAFFIC CONTROL CODE

The maximum speeds shown in paragraph 4 b, Section I, AFHQ Circular Number 28, 1944, are changed as follows:

For British Vehicles

5. Lorries (over 1 ton and up to and including 6 ton) including troop carriers and semi-trailers - 30 mph.
6. Lorries (exceeding 6 ton load capacity) including semi-trailers - 20 mph.

For US Vehicles

6. Trucks 4 ton and models - 30 mph
- Trucks 6 ton and models - 30 mph.

II - TITLE TO ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES

The title to vehicles of the Italian Armed Forces falls into two categories as follows:

1. Vehicles captured by the Allied Armies prior to the Armistice with Italy - These vehicles have become spoils of war and remain the property of the Allied Military Authorities who have discretion to allot them as they see fit in accordance with existing instructions covering captured enemy material.
2. All other vehicles of the Italian Armed Forces
 - a. These remain the property of the Italian Government as outlined in AFHQ Circulars Number 13, and Number 29, 1944.
 - b. This transport should be used to the maximum benefit of the Italian nation as a whole, bearing in mind the calls made by Headquarters AG on the re-creation of the Italian Army to meet essential civilian requirements.

Trucks 6 ton all models - 30 mob.

II - TITLE TO ITALIAN ARMED VEHICLES

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 - a. These remain the property of the Italian Government as outlined in ARHQ Circulars Number 13, and Number 23, 1944.
 - b. This transport should be used to the maximum benefit of the Italian nation as a whole, bearing in mind the calls made by Headquarters AG on the resources of the Allied Armies to meet essential civilian requirements.
 - c. The allocation of this transport in accordance with paragraph b above will be made as follows:

Italian Army vehicles by the Land Forces Sub Commission AG
(AGH). Italian Air Force vehicles by the Air Force Sub
Commission AG. Italian Navy vehicles by the Navy Sub Com
mission AG. Transport surplus to the minimum needs of the

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AMHQ Circular No. 5 (cont'd)

Italian Armed Forces which is desired for civilian use by Headquarters AG will be allotted to civilian use by the appropriate Sub Commission, AG, title thereto and operation thereof being by the Italian Army Forces under the control of the appropriate Sub Commission, AG.

d. The Italian Armed Forces will exert every effort to locate and acquire vehicles still undisclosed. Allied Authorities will give every assistance possible to the Italian Authorities and to the respective Sub Commissions, AG. Any vehicles coming into the possession of the Allied Authorities will be reported to the appropriate Sub Commission, AG for disposal.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALANbrooke:

OFFICIAL:

(Sgd) C. W. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

W. C. MORGAN
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

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FOR G3 (ORG) (.) REF DISTHREE SD290 10 APR YOUR PX 58906

12 APR (.) ALL TWELVE SEARCHLIGHT LORRIES REQUIRE OVERHAUL (.)

FIVE BEING REPAIRED AND WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE NAPLES EARLIEST (.)

REMAINDER IN FOGGIA (.) SUGGEST THESE BE REPAIRED NEAREST

ALLIED WORKSHOP (.) SIGNAL CONFIRMATION AND INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM

WAR MINISTRY REF SHOULD REFER FOR DETAILS

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PRECEDENCE

Priority 1, 2, 3, 4

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Subject: Special Tpt Group - A.C.

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

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

1. The 2 of the Special Motor Transport Group has been established at 591 Via Nazionale ROMA, Tel 686324.

C.O.	Col J. J. JAMES (A)	Tel Extension 8
2 1/3	Lt Col PORTER (E)	Tel Extension 6
34	Lt Col HC MS (A)	Tel Extension 905

2. The proposed organization is set out at Appx "A".

3. The present position as regards formation is set out at Appx "B".

4. It will be seen that the Group will operate three types of vehicles US-Army, US-Army and US-Civilian with soldiers belonging to three categories US-ITL, US-ITL and ITL-ITL.

Units already formed are having their vans serviced by Br or US Army workshops. It has been proposed but not yet approved that a maintenance group of one heavy and four medium maintenance coys shall be formed on the American pattern capable of repairing all types of vans operated by the group.

It has not been decided whether British Workshop Platoons or LID's are to be formed or not but the personnel for six Workshop Platoons are being selected. Those considered suitable for instruction will be sent to ROME for technical training.

3. The present position as regards formation is set out at Appx "B".
4. It will be soon that the Group will operate three types of vehicles US-Armory, BR-Armory and US-Civilian with soldiers belonging to three categories US-III, BR-III and MI-III.

Units already formed are having their vehs serviced by Br or US Army workshops. It has been proposed but not yet approved that a maintenance group of one heavy and four medium maintenance coys shall be formed on the American pattern capable of repairing all types of vehs operated by the group.

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Technical instruction on the US-Civilian type vehs is being given at a School which opened in ROZE on 1 April.

5. With the exception of 234 MT Coy which has drawn US-Civilian vehs from BRPLRS all BR-III units will obtain this type of vehicle from ROZE where they are being assembled.

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Col J. I. CALNES

Lt Col FORD/SS

FIN 4777

D.A. & Q.M.G.

M. R. I. A.

Notes: (1) American Truck Coys each 50 vehicles; British Gen.Tpt.Coys each 140 vehicles (a)

(2) Organisation (as proposed) includes in addition to above operating coys. a Truck Maintenance Group and HQ Admin Coy, a Base Depot Coy and a Medical Det.

(3) Total strength as proposed.

American	72	Officers	304	EM
British	63	"	312	OR
American or				
British	47	"	237	EM/OR
Italian	283	"	8142	EM/OR
Total	465		8995	

Appendix 'A' letter
9/5 of 15 April 45

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A.C. TRANSPORT GROUP

H.Q.

Truck Bn (US-ITI)	1st Gen. Tpt. Coln (BR-ITI)	2nd Gen. Tpt. Coln (BR-ITI)
7 Truck Coy	1 Gen. Tpt. Coy	6 Gen. Tpt. Coy.
" "	2 " " "	7 " " "
" "	3 " " "	8 " " "
" "	4 " " "	9 " " "
" "	5 " " "	10 " " "
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6 Gen. Tpt. Coys each 140 vehicles (approx).
 In addition to above operating coys. a Truck
 Depot Coy and a Medical Det.

2 Officers 304 EM
 3 " 312 OR
 7 " 237 EM/OR
 3 " 8142 EM/OR

5 8995

PRESUMED POSITION A.C. TRANSPORT GROUP.

Ser.No.	Units	Type of Vehicle	Category and W.E. Strength			
			US-III	BR-III	FI-III	
1	HQ 1 Truck Bn.	US Army			17	Alro
2	1 - 8 Truck Coys.	US Army			920	Alro
3	HQ 2 Truck Bn HQ 3 " " 9 - 24 Truck Coys.	US Civilian	1874			Form
4	HQ 1 & 2 Gen. Tpt. Coys.	?		?		Not
5	1 - 4 Gen. Tpt. Coys.	BR Army		1620		Alro as
6	5 Gen. Tpt. Coy.	US Civilian		345		Form TRAI Veh 16
7	6 - 10 Gen. Tpt. Coys.	US Civilian		1740		To
8	Workshop Secs and/or LAD's and other Units referred to in App 'A'	?		?		on Veh See of
		TOTAL	1874	3708	937	Tot veh Tr

Appendix 'B' letter
 0/5 of 15 April 45

A.C. TRANSPORT GROUP.

A.C. TRANSPORT GROUP.			Remarks
COY	W.E. ST. WITH		
III	10-111	11-111	
		17	Already formed & attn 2675 Regt. A.C.
		926	Already formed see SD/9 of 19 Mar and Orbat
8/11			Forming under A.C. from P.B.S. allocation
	?		Not yet authorised
	1620		Already formed on WE III/116, 117, 121, 122/1 as 1000, 1001, 1002, 1004 Gen. Tpt Coys, see Orbat
	348		Forming as 221 Gen. Tpt. Coy under 3 District TRANI on WE III/116, 117, 121/2. Vehicles already issued by A.C. See SD/6 of 16 Mar & AMHQ CR/1116/G1(Br) (Ser 1759) 7 Mar 45
	1740		To form as 222, 223 Gen. Tpt. by 15 April. 224, 225 " " by 15 May. 226 " " by 1 June. on WE III/116, 117, 121/2 under 3 District Vehicles from A.C. at Rome. See SD/6 11 Apr and AMHQ CR/1116/G-1(Br) 1991 of 11 Apr 45.
	?		Not yet authorised
1874	3708	937	Total so far authorised 6519. 1700 US Civilian vehicles to be equally divided between US 2 & 3 Truck Bns and BR. 221-226 Gen. Tpt. Coys.

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At: Loan of Vehicles to "F" BLD.

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

(5 April 1945

To: 10 RA Strg Team, c/o R.A.A.C.

1. "F" BLD has recently been notified of it's new temporary commitment in looking after the concentration of the Garibaldi Regt. in VITERBO. In addition "F" BLD has many training Officers attached surplus for temporary duty.

It would be much appreciated if you would arrange for two 15 cwt trucks to be loaned to the above unit temporarily. It would be the responsibility of "F" BLD to provide the drivers and to arrange maintenance.

2. Will you also please arrange for two interpreters to be attached to "F" BLD as soon as they can be spared by you.

SMI/10

F. J. HOOKES.

F. J. HOOKES, Col.
for Major General,
M. H. I. A.

Copy to: "F" BLD HQ IGP
G(10) MIA
"A" MIA

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

9/5

LAND FORCES GEN CORM A.C. (MMLL)
ROME
TEL : 469084 Ext 526

14 April 45

TO :- MINISTRY OF WAR,

Copies : Commanding Officer
Allied Commission Motor Brigade (4 copies)
MMLL Transport LO Rome
RMML MMLL HQ (2 copies)
ST MMLL HQ (3 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) 8 Deposits Autieri will transfer from Centro Studi Motorizzazioni to 3rd For Palazzo Bianco Gasarra, Via Montana. This move will be completed not later than 1800 hrs 6 Apr 45. Transport has been detailed from 1 Spec. Trans. Coy reporting to Via Pinturachio 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 these 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 Ciarpaglini will reconnoitre on 5 Apr 45 the premises at 54 Vascen Havana San Paolo (tel 566177). These premises will be entirely vacated by Allied Commission Motor Brigade (American personnel) not later than 1800 hrs 6 Apr 45. Scuola Ciarpaglini

- (a) 3 Deposits Autieri will transfer from Centro Studi Motorizzazioni to 3rd Army Palazzo Duomo Cassino Avenue Via Montebello. This move will be completed not later than 1800 hrs 6 Apr 45. Transport has been detailed from 1 Spec. Trans. Coy reporting to Via Pinturicchio at 0800 hrs 5 Apr 45.
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- (c) Representative of Divisione Personale Automobilistico War Ministry and Officer Commanding Scuola Ciampaglioni will reconnoitre on 5 Apr 45 the premises at Via Vasca Navale San Paolo (tel 565177). These premises will be entirely vacated by Allied Commission Motor Brigade (American and Italian personnel) not later than 1800 hrs 6 Apr 45. Scuola Ciampaglioni 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 of Scuola Ciampaglioni will be carried on to completion in the new premises. These parts of the premises not required for purposes of the Scuola Ciampaglioni will be reserved for other ITI-IMI activities as may be subsequently decided.
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- (a) As soon as Scuola Ciampaglioni has vacated its existing premises, these will be taken over (under direction IMI Transport LO Rome) by 1 Repairs Unit and/or Magazzino Centrale Parta Ricambio. By this means 1 Repairs Unit will be enabled to vacate the premises which it now occupies at Centro Studi Motorizzazioni. The right is reserved for IMI Transport LO Rome to remove from Centro Studi Motorizzazioni 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.
- (o) 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. PUMZI, Maggiore di ROSA and Capitano..... together with other ranks (ITI-IMI) not to exceed seven in number will be forthwith nominated as ITI-IMI Administrative Nucleus ALOCM Mechanical School (Nucleo Amministrativo ITI-IMI Scuola Meccanica ALOCM).

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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 ITI-ITI 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 organization 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.

(F.J. NCAVES)

Colonel,

for Major General,

(M. J. J. J.)

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Subject:- Caravan for G.O.C.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(S.M.I.A.)
B O F
Q/5

50 B.L.U.

14 April 45.

Ref. your Q/2 dated 30 Mar/45.

It is contrary to policy for Italian Army Vehicles to be used for Gruppi. There is no objection in principle to the issue of a caravan which as in the case of the other Gruppi may be obtainable from Eight Army.

RAC

H.A. CURTIS, Lt.Col.
for Major General,
S.M.I.A.

RAC/ab

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Subject:- Conversion vehicles for
Mobile Dental Centres.

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

53 B.L.U.

14 April 45.

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Ref. your Q6 - 225 dated 5 April 45.

It will be appreciated if the Italian vehicle can be replaced and returned to Rome for conversion at the earliest possible date.

Please notify M.M.I.A. L.O. Rear Eight Army when available for collection.

RAC

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

Copy to:- Rear Eight Army
for MMIA LO
R.E.M.E.

RAC/ab

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Subject:- Sale of American Lorries
Ford 8.W.

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

14 April 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref. your letter 206943/11 of 4 April, no authority has been received for the disposal of the a/m vehicles to civilians.

The rumour has probably originated by the arrival of a number of American vehicles, to be used for the distribution of food to civilians. *by transport corp allocated to A.C.*

Any information regarding such illegal activities, as you mention should be passed to this H.Q., so that necessary action can be taken.

R.A.C.
R.A. CURTIES, Lt.Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

RAC/ab

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Subject:- Issue of light tanks to CC.RR.

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

"G" M.M.I.A.

14 April 45.

A number of light tanks are now at Naples awaiting collection. Some are in process of minor repairs.

May a forecast be given of the number required and date of delivery. It is desirable that they be removed from N°2 Repair Unit and/or N°2 Efficient Veh Park as soon as possible.

RAC
R.A. CURTIS, Lt.Col.
AQMC
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- S.T.
R.E.N.E.

RAC/ab

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SUBJECT : Transport for Industrial Teams.

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

R C M E

Q/5

12 April 45

TO : H.Q. 15 Army GPF. 385

Ref your SF/NVI/16 8 Apr. addst.
Italian Army Intelligence.

Italian Army vehicles will be supplied for the
Industrial Teams as soon as available.

They must depend for repairs on the nearest Allied
or Italian workshop the latter most conveniently situated
being in Florence.

Any authority for repairs to be executed in Allied
workshop should emanate from your HQS and it is suggested
a suitable certificate be given the "Owner" of each vehicle
which *he* may use in case of need.

RAC
R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General
M.V.I.A.

Copy Captain TROBIEZ

I.A.I.

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FROM : NFIA

TO : HEAD, SIGHT ARMY
FIELD ARMY

INFO.

FOR NFIA 10 (.) PREVIOUS ITALIAN BOX BODY LOANED WITH
 GENOVA LEONARDO POLARIS RECEIVED FOR CONVERSION WITHIN
 LEONAT SYSTEMS (.) THESE SPONSOR ARE CONSIDERED WITH EDITION
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THE COMPTON WHITE-EMERSON
 COMPANY HAS BEEN IN THE
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Translation

From: M of W
To: MMIA

Ref. No. 1582/1880/MR

X. A. I/10.4.45

Date: April 10, 1945

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Subject: Organization for the recovery of M.T. materials. *RAC*
15 apr

- clear it?*
- I) The new organization of the transport and repair service which went into effect in accordance with the instructions of MMIA caused the elimination of some groups formerly engaged in the recovery of M.T. materials.
 - II) Recent orders from MMIA, according to which this Ministry has been deprived of the right of entering into engagements or negotiating contracts in matters concerning property of the Italian Army, preclude the possibility of recovering the materials in question through the use of civilian agencies, as this Ministry had planned to do.
 - III) As a result, a substantial amount of materials continues to remain in the open exposed to theft and pillage, and whatever is already stolen and hidden by civilians is secretly transformed to feed the black market, since a lawful way cannot be found to place the materials in circulation.
- why?*

Moreover, recovery groups of the Italian Navy and, even more so, of the Italian Air Force, continue to operate undisturbed, appropriating a large part of materials belonging to the Army which is completely unable to step in in time.

To mention only a few of the more recent cases known to this Ministry, concerning Italian Army materials which the Italian Air Force appropriated or attempted to appropriate:

Arezzo - appropriation of a trailer, against payment 4866

See folio 217

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12,000 Lire to the IC thereof.

Sora (Frosinone) - attempt to obtain delivery of 2 trucks, 2 trailers ^{and} 1 truck chassis, from a firm who had effected the recovery thereof in accordance with an authorization from the Allied Commissioner at Aree.

Avezzano - appropriation from the firm charged with the recovery of the M.T. materials scattered in that area, of several motors, spare parts, machinery, tools, etc.

IV) In order to eliminate this problem, your Sub-Commission is kindly requested to look into the possibility of organizing at each Territorial Military Command a special platoon consisting of:

- 3 officers (1 senior, 2 junior)
- 16 OR's (including senior NCO's and drivers)
- 1 passenger car
- 3 motorcycles
- 4 heavy trucks
- 2 tractors (1 with crane)

V) Such motor platoon might, administratively, be under the command of the administrative transport companies, and its tasks should be as follows:

- location of abandoned materials or those appropriated by civilians
- recovery of materials located
- transportation of such materials to repair shops or recoverable MT parks.

Signed: P. G. Propertio 05
for Minister

23 attached
12/10
1 car
3 L. 12/10/44

21 + 22 Admin Commission
Florence - Rome

Welp 

Why cannot
Admin. 44 logs do it
themselves

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SUBJECT : Repair of Army Vehs by Civilian Firms.

Land Forces Sub Comm.AC.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
2/5

10 April 45

TO : Ministry of War.

The attached communication received from a Civilian Firm on the above subject is forwarded for your information.

Under no circumstances may vehicles the property of the War Ministry be made over to Civilian firms on the terms suggested.

R.A.C.

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

Internal :

MMIA ROME (with copy of letter
under reference)

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Land Forces Subcommittee AC. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

Via Veneto

The undersigned G.I.T.A. "Italian Automobile Group"

Via Emilia N. 92. telephone N. 484685; hereby makes application to the Subcommittee for permission to take delivery of congruous quantity of motor-cars, (derelicts) from military junk-yards.

The Group engages itself in the prompt repair of the certain quantity of derelicts which will be returned to military authorities, while percentage of derelicts will be transferred to this Group as definite ownership. !!!

The Group workshop at Via Biella N.8 tel.70116, and Via Amedeo Cencelli N.34, is sufficiently equipped with facilities and workmen to handle the reconstruction.

The undersigned Group is prepared to make the necessary deposit at time of the retirement of the de-

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Roma 24.3.1945

G.I.T.A.

The Adviser Delegate

Reginaldo

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Subject : Transport - ORVIETO.

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

9th April 45.

O.C. British Cadre, R.R.D.
ORVIETO.

Ref : attached copy of letter to I District and
your BI/3/76, of 10th of Feb.

1. You may submit direct to this HQ demand for transport required to bring Italian goods from Rome. As much notice as possible should be given and you will be informed in advance when this transport can be made available. It would not ~~am~~ be possible to attach vehicles permanently to your camp.

2. It is not understood why your demand includes one lorry to change ~~straw~~

RAC
R.A. CURTIES, Lt. Col
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : S.T. M.M.I.A.

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Subject: Transport - AFRIKOLA - ORVISTO.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.

(M.B.I.A.)

R O N E

6/5

9th April 49.

1 District,

3 District.

1. It has been represented that the scale of transport authorised on the present ~~of~~ of a Brit-Iti M.B.I.A. is insufficient. In particular application has been made for an increase in load carriers at AFRIKOLA and ORVISTO. It was understood that 1 District proposed to submit a recommendation for the M to be *increased*.

2. In theory, *the same* basic scale of transport should suffice for each M.B.I.A. but it is realised that local conditions vary between Trani, Ravenna (AFRIKOLA), and Orvieto. It is suggested that if ~~the~~ Districts will submit their recommendations to this HQ, any proposed amendments could be co-ordinated and the necessary change to the M recommended by this HQ. Please say if you concur and submit your proposals not later than the 15th of April.

3. It is considered that in any *event*, the Depot will need occasional assistance from transport under District control. As the number of Italian Army vehicles at the disposal of Admin.Divs increases, it should be possible for these divisions to assist.

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

Copy to: - British Centre, 213 M.B.I.A. your PL/3/76, dated 10th Feb. refers.

-M.B.I.A. L.C.

1 District,

3 District.

-M.B.I.A. for file 40/2.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.AC
(M.V.I.A.)
R C M E
Q/S

7 Apr 45

To : C.G.
Rome Area Allied Command
(Real Estate Section)

Ref the attached letter and conversation
(Lothian-Curties) your covering approval is requested
for the premises at 54 Vasca Navale San Paolo at present
occupied by A.C. to be made available for the War Ministry
who are to use them for the Italian Army Central Driving
School.

A.C. have been given reciprocal facilities
for a Technical School to be established in War Ministry
property.

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R.A. CURTIES LT.Col.
for Major General
M.V.I.A.

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