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Subject:- Commissions Recovery

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

0/5

August, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference is made to this Headquarters letter 0/5/10 of 6 July 45.

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You are, therefore, required to issue the necessary instructions to all concerned that the Officers Commanding the Recovery Units receive their instructions from the appropriate M.I.I.A. L.O. The Territorial Headquarters should be informed the reason for these instructions and as stated in paragraph 4 of the letter under reference, be directed to refer difficulties concerned with the recovery of Army property to the M.I.I.A. L.O. There need be no change in the method by which the Recovery Units report the result of their activities and a monthly report is still required from the War Ministry summarising these results.

Copy to:-

ALL M.I.I.A. L.Os.

R.E.M.E.

W.D. C/O L.O. N.W. ITALY.

RAC/fem

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

TRANSLATION

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Date: 23/8/45

Ref: 29857/G.M.

From: M.I.W.

To: M.A.I.A.

Debits in respect of repair of vehicles,
 Subject: ~~unrepaired~~ granted by the Allies.

212 Division H.Q. has informed his Ministry that the Liaison Section Headquarters Southern District Peninsular Base-Section APC 702 U.S. Army has ordered, with attached letter that, all vehicles/repairs carried out by the American Workshops are to be debitted to the Italian Government. Said instructions are also applicable to the vehicles assigned by the P.B.S. to the said Italian H.Q. (Cars to H.Q.'s, Lorries for the unit for vital reasons, lorries for transport Unit Italian Drivers Battalion) to be used under Allied command and employed as transport by the Allies. Nothing is to be objected concerning damages due to carelessness or to incidents that come under the responsibility of personnel i/c of the vehicle. Concerning the repairs needed owing to the normal wearout wear and tear of the vehicles (both of those for which H.Q.'s and units are responsible and for those in which are on the strength of the transport units), we do not think that expenses for repairs should be met by the Italian military administration. We beg you therefore, kindly to examine this matter and inform us of the decisions that you will take accordingly.

R. EMBERA. Cpl

(Sgd) Russo

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SEE 541-4042

Subject: M.I. repairs Organisation - Machinery required. 568

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

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22 August, 1946.

To:-

Ministry of War.

It is requested that arrangements be made for the transfer of machinery to the workshops now in process of organization as listed at Appendix 'A'.

It is understood all equipment needed is now available at the E. Arsenal, Turin.

A copy of the necessary Authority issued by you should be sent to this H.Q. in order that the M.M.I.A. L.O. concerned may be duly informed.

RAC

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

Copy to:-

ITALIA ROME

M.M.I.A. L.O. H.W. ITALY (for Major Edwards)

RAC/Tom

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Incendio A. Sures.

U.S. Class 1	U.S. Class 2
No. 1 MIAH	No. 2 MIAH

Torolo p. llole - distanza punto n/a 200	1	
Torolo parallelo - distanza punto n/a 1500	1	1
Torolo parallelo - distanza punto n/a 500 - 1000	2	1
Tropico a valenza punto fino n/a 25	2	1
Tropico valenze da banco fino n/a 10	2	1
Tropico elettr. portatile fino n/a 30	2	1
Tropico elettr. portatile fino n/a 13	4	2
Cesio semplice taglio fino a n/a 2	1	
Cesio semplice lato n/a 750 - taglio fino a n/a 1	1	1
Saghe alternative per nastri fino 150 n/a	2	1
Fulidrici elettrici portatili solo n/a 150	2	1
Smerigliatrice elettrica media a piallatura sola - 6 n/a 200 - 250	1	1
Smerigliatrice da banco sola 6 n/a 150	2	1
Smerigliatrice elettrica portatile sola 6 n/a 150	4	2
Smerigliatrice elettrica doppia con sola 6 n/a 500	1	1
Saghe a settore	2	1
Saghe a settore	1	
Pialla a filo ed a spessore	1	
Torolo	1	
Saldatrici autotermiche	1	1
Saldatrici elettriche	2	1
Pompa idraulica da 40 H.	1	1
Pompa idraulica da 100 H.	1	
Sole avarie a pedale	2	
Macchi per agghiacciare con due motori	20	
Macchi da banco	40	
Macchi da falegnameria	4	
Macchi da falegnameria con motore verticale	2	
Macchi verticali	2	
Macchi in nastri per saldatura	1	
Macchi con cingolo	2	
Macchi fino a 2 ruote	2	
Macchine multiple per lavorazione legno	2	

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Appendix "A" to 4/5 dated 27 August 1985.

<u>Class 1</u>	<u>R.U. Class 2</u>			<u>R.U. Class 3</u>	
<u>3 KIRAN</u>	<u>No. 2 CHIDA</u>	<u>No. 4 KALAND</u>	<u>No. 5 UDINE</u>	<u>No. 12 PIACHITA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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10	10	10	10	3	102
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2	1	1	1		5
2	1	1	1		4
1	2	2	2		9
2	1	1	1		6
2	1	1	1		4

TRANSLATION

From: Ministry of War.

Ref: 25/8/45.

To: M.M.I.A.

Q/5-2,

Ref: 17846/DM
Q13045Subject: Italian Military Transport ~~88~~. (U.S.)

Reference to letter Q/5/2.

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With reference to the a/m letter we beg to confirm
that the necessary measures were issued today regarding
the vehicles in question purchased by the Adamo Grillo
firm, from recovery sources of this War Administration.

Russo.

Carter.



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Subject: Italian Army Maintenance and Repair of M.T.

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

554/1 ✓ 25 Aug 45

To: Ministry of War.

1. Reference is made to War Ministry letter 217371/11 dated 13 Aug 45. 220-12-7

I am pleased to note the measures taken by you to raise the standard of M.T. maintenance and drive home to the Regimental Officer the importance of this subject.

2. I am not unmindful of the fact that the majority of vehicles in use by the Italian Army have seen much hard service and that a heavy burden has been of necessity carried by the Italian Army Repair Units. I share your confidence that these units will show a steady improvement in the number of vehicles made efficient for further service. I would point out that any criticism which it has been my duty to make in the past has been directed at the lack of interest shown by the unit officers rather than in the M.T. repair units.

3. The re-organisation of the repair service of the Italian Army worked out in co-operation with Officers of the Artillery Directorate is about to be introduced. I am confident that given sufficient support and drive from the top this organisation will prove efficient and serve the army well. I would emphasise the importance of the Director General of Artillery and Motorization insisting on the correct balance between the section dealing with the army transport and that concerned with the production and maintenance of warlike stores. The latter is necessarily a reserved subject and one on which policy must await publication of the Peace Terms. Everything to do with Italian Army transport is however of immediate and pressing importance and will not fail to be of value in the future.

4. In common with all other countries the change over from War to Peace has thrown out of employment in Italy many thousands of workmen and much valuable machinery is temporarily idle. Careful consideration should be given to the immediate employment of the most suitable types of plant in the new Italian Army Workshops which it is desired to create. I would urge that no time be lost in ordering the transfer of such equipment to the place where it is now needed most. For example, in order to

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improve immediately "unit maintenance" of the vehicles allocated to the fourteen transport companies it is intended that each shall be provided with a light workshop. Machinery of the same type and suitable for this purpose should be made available at once from where ever it is held.

5. I shall be glad to receive your assurance that the proposed repair organisation to which I refer will have your full support.



Major General,
M.M.I.A.

RAC/na

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Subject:- "B" Vehicle Census Return.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
9/5
25 August, 1945.

To:-

SEE 562/2

2 District.

Reference attached memorandum G.H.Q. MEF Q(AE) 4/1194/3
dated 29 June 45.

1. Please ascertain whether this return was submitted.
2. 470 Italian Field Hospital is no located at Turin
and is under Alcom ad ministrat command.

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

Copy to:- H.Q. A.C. (Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub Commission)
(reference your DFR/14/Q of 20 Aug)

Eqn 2.

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OUTSIDE SIGNAL

From - BRIA
To - AFHQ FOR CS ONE

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SUBJECT: Recommendation Italian Army H.I. to form a Division

Land Forces Sub-Comm. AD,
H.I. (H.I.), 10 0 11 11.

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22 Aug 45

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1. The existing 'Italian' organization of the Italian Army is that which existed prior to the occupation of the North of Italy. Following a detailed review of the Italian Army the necessary revision of this organization has been agreed by the War Office and the resulting proposal is submitted for approval. The outline strength will be shown during the process of re-organization and will be published in 1946. It is unlikely that paper strength will be reached on account of the shortage of specialists in military service.

2. Existing H.I. will be used with the exception of the following:

- (a) H.I. 100 is required for a light company. See Appendix A.
- (b) H.I. 100. For General Reserve Depot requires amendment. See Appendix B.

3. To clarify the description of the various units and identify them with the Territorial H.I. they will have the following structure in non-territorial and territorial headquarters are necessary.

It is recommended that be issued H.I. 100 by September.

H.I. No.	Present designation	Future designation
100/1000/1	General H.I. 100, Status Depot	H.I. 100, Status Depot
100/1000/2	H.I. 100, Status Unit (H.I.)	H.I. 100, Status Unit CL I.
"	H.I. 100, Status Unit (H.I.)	H.I. 100, Status Unit CL I.

H.I. 100, Status Unit CL I.

3. To clarify the description of the various units and identify those with the referenced H.Q. they will carry the following changes in nomenclature and structural designation per meeting.

It is recommended these be introduced w.e.f. 15 September.

<u>H.Q. No.</u>	<u>Present Designation</u>	<u>Future Designation</u>
101/XXXX/1	Central H.Q. Warren Depot	No. 2 H.Q. Stores Depot
102/XXXX/1	No. 1 Repaire Unit (US)	No. 3 Repaire Unit CI I.
"	No. 2 Repaire Unit (US)	No. 10 Repaire Unit CI I.
"	No. 3 Repaire Unit (US)	No. 9 Repaire Unit CI I.
177/XXXX/1	No. 5 Repaire Unit (US)	No. 7 Repaire Unit CI II.
197/XXXX/1	No. 14 Repaire Unit	No. 14 Repaire Unit CI III.

Note:

1. 101, 102, 103, the correct designation of all units on following 3.4 will be as shown.

101/XXXX/1
102/XXXX/1
103/XXXX/1
104/XXXX/1

No. 7. Stores Depot
No. 10 Repaire Unit CI I.
No. 9 Repaire Unit CI II.
No. 14 Repaire Unit CI III.

4. Approval is required for the formation and disbandment of units in accordance with the schedule set out at Appendix C.

[Signature]
H.A. CARTER Lt. Col.
Per 26 for Command.
H. I. A.

SEE 57c/2. Passed to R. E. H. 3.4

Appendix 'A'.Proposed War Establishment for a Light Workshop (Part III(a) : Sec 9)1. The Proposal.

To approve the War Establishment for a :-

- (a) Light Workshops. No W/S Number.
- (b) This is a new War Establishment.
- (c) None.

2. The Effect of the Proposal.

- (a) Increase of 1 Officer and 11 OR's for each unit.

Total 14 Officers 154 OR's.

- (b) Nil

- (c) Fourteen to be formed.

- (d) Part of overall formation and disbandment of Repair Units involving overall increase of 181 all ranks.

- (e) To be carried in Part III (c) : Sec 9.

- (f) Any.

- (g) No.

- (h) Details of proposed W/S :-

Officers	Lieutenant	1
Senior N.C.O's	Technician	1
Other Ranks	Vehicle Mechanics	2
	Fitters	4
	Electricians	4
	Welder	1

(e) Involving overall increase of 18 all ranks.
 (f) To be carried in Part III (c) 1 Sec 9.
 (g) Any.
 (h) No.

(h) Details of proposed W/A :-

Officers	Lieutenant	1	
Senior N.O.O's	Technician	1	
Other Ranks	Vehicle Mechanics	2	
	Fitters	4	
	Electricians	2	
	Welder	1	
	Vulcaniser	1	
	Total	10	
		12	

3. The Reasons for the proposal.

One of the above units is to be attached to each III-III Transport Company. The duties of these units will be to carry out 406 inspections of all vehicles in the Company to which they are attached, carry out light repairs up to four hours, and pass larger repairs into a Repair Unit.

In agreement with R.C.M., and B.T. M.O.I.A. and War Ministry it is felt that this will result in a much higher standard of maintenance, and will result in small faults being checked before they grow and necessitate the vehicle being off the road.

For technical control they will be under the Director of Repairs.

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Proposed alteration to War Establishment for a

Central M.T. Stores Depot, 181/244/1 (Part III (a) 1 sec 9).

1. The Proposal.

- (a) To amend the W/S of Central M.T. Stores Depot, 181/244/1, and rename units as Stores Depot.
- (b) Amendment.
- (c) Central M.T. Stores Depot to be converted to:
No 6 MT Stores Depot on new W/S.
No 3 & No 5 M.T. Stores Depot to be formed.

2. The effect of the Proposal.

- (a) Increase of 13 Officers and 45 OR's.
Increase of 3 Passenger Vehicles
o Load Carriers
o Trailers.

		Off. 24's	
To be formed :-	No 3 MT Stores Depot	5	21
	" "	5	21
	" "	5	21
			15. 63.
Existing :-	Central MT Stores "	2	18.
			13. 45.
			Increase

- (b) Nil.
- (c) One existing. Two to be formed.
- (d) Part of overall reorganisation of Repairs Unit involving overall increase of 18 all ranks.

Appendix B (Cont)3. Reasons of the Proposal.

Experience in Rome has proved that the present establishment is inadequate to handle the large amount of spares now on hand. It is necessary to employ a considerable number of civilians specialists and increase the size of the stores. The present War Establishment does not give sufficient military supervision to carry out the necessary control of valuable stores.

The three Stores Depots envisaged will be the equivalent of British B.C.D.'s and should have an adequate permanent military staff.

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DETAILS OF FORMATION AND DISBANDMENT OF MEDICAL UNITS

<u>State</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>W/A</u>	<u>Strength</u> <u>Off: Men</u>	<u>Adm</u>
I	1	No.1 Light Workshops	New	2 11	To be formed by
	2	No.2 " "	"	1 11	" " " "
	3	No.3 " "	"	1 11	" " " "
	4	No.4 " "	"	1 11	" " " "
	5	No.5 " "	"	1 11	" " " "
	6	No.6 " "	"	1 11	" " " "
	7	No.7 " "	"	1 11	" " " "
	8	No.8 " "	"	1 11	" " " "
	9	No.9 " "	"	1 11	" " " "
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	11	No.11 " "	"	1 11	" " " "
	12	No.12 " "	"	1 11	" " " "
	13	No.13 " "	"	1 11	" " " "
	14	No.14 " "	"	1 11	" " " "
	15	No.3 M.T. Stores Depot (amended)	181/3885/1	5 21	" " " "
	16	No.6 M.T. Stores Depot (amended)	181/3885/1	5 21	" " " "
	17	No.11 Repair Unit C121	195/3885/1	5 45	" " " "
	18	No.15 " " " "	195/3885/1	5 45	" " " "
	19	No.16 " " " "	195/3885/1	5 45	" " " "
I	20	No.8 M.T. Stores Depot	181/3885/1	3 3	Implement review

Appendix C to S/S dated 22 Aug 45.STATEMENT OF REPAIRS UNITS (Part III (a) 1 Sec 2)

<u>With</u> <u>Don</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Net Ceiling</u>
11	To be formed by	15 Sep			
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5	Implement revised W.E.	11 11	6		2043

<u>Stage</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>W/E</u>	<u>Strength Off: Men</u>	
II	21	Workshop Control HQ.	174/3333/1	4 7	To be disbanded
	22	Aux Hy Rep Unit	182/3333/1	12 188	" " "
	23	No.4 Repair Unit (LS)	177/3333/1	9 91	" " "
III	24	No.1 Rep Unit (Cl II)	177/3333/1	9 91	To form on 50
	25	No.2 " " "	"	9 91	" " "
	26	No.4 " " "	"	9 91	" " "
	27	No.5 " " "	"	9 91	" " "
	28	No.3 " " (Cl I)	190/3333/1	12 188	" " "
	29	No.6 " " "	"	12 188	" " "
IV	30	No.1 Mobile Park	179/3333/1	9 199	To be disbanded
	31	No.2 " " "	"	9 199	" " "
	32	No.1 Recovery Section	178/3333/1	2 32	" " "
	33	No.2 " " "	"	2 32	" " "
V	34	No.9 Rep Unit (Cl I)	190/3333/1	12 188	To convert to establishment
		No.10 " " "	"	12 188	- do
V	24	No.1 Rep Unit (Cl II)	177/3333/1	9 91	Complete to c
	25	No.2 " " "	"	9 91	" " "
	26	No.4 " " "	"	9 91	" " "
	27	No.5 " " "	"	9 91	" " "
	28	No.3 " " (Cl I)	190/3333/1	12 188	" " "
	29	No.6 " " "	"	12 188	" " "

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Appendix C to 2/5 dated 22 Aug 45

<u>Strength</u> <u>Off: Men</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Net Counting</u>
4 7	To be disbanded by	30 Sep			
12 188	" " " "	" "			
9 91	" " " "	" "		311	2732
9 91	To form on 50% establishment	1 Oct			
9 91	" " " "	" "			
9 91	" " " "	" "			
9 91	" " " "	" "			
12 188	" " " "	" "			
12 188	" " " "	" "	400		2132
9 199	To be disbanded by	30 Nov			
9 199	" " " "	" "			
2 32	" " " "	" "			
2 32	" " " "	" "		484	1648
12 188	To convert to lower	30 Nov			
	establishment on (177/3000/1)	" "			
12 188	" do -	" "		200	1448
9 91	Complete to establishment	30 Nov			
9 91	" " " "	" "			
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9 91	" " " "	" "			
12 188	" " " "	" "			
12 188	" " " "	" "	400		1848

Subject:- Commissions Recovery.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. N. I. A.)
RGE.

21/5
21 August, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War,

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2. It is essential that these Recovery Units work under the direction of M.I.A. L.Os. who are in a position to secure from the appropriate Allied Command the authority necessary to recover possession of Italian Army property wherever located. It is not satisfactory that instructions concerning the work of the Recovery Units shall be given direct to them by the Territorial Headquarters to which they are attached for purposes of administration. It is the duty, however, of all Territorial Headquarters to locate and effect the recovery of all Italian Army property as yet unclaimed in the Northern Provinces, in addition to that recovered by the Recovery Commissions.

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3. You are, therefore, required to issue the necessary instructions to all concerned that the Officers Commanding the Recovery Units will receive their instructions from the appropriate M.I.A. L.O. The Territorial Headquarters should be informed the reason for these instructions and as stated in ⁴ paragraph 4 of the letter under reference, be directed to refer difficulties concerned with the recovery of Army property to the M.I.A. L.O. There need be no change in the method by which the Recovery Units report the result of their activities and a monthly report is still required from the War Ministry summarising these results.

Copy to:-

ALL M.I.A. L.Os. L.Os.
R.E.M.E.

WHE E c/o L.O. N.W. ITALY.

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(Signature)
E.A. CURRIES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Army Transport.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
M.M.I.A. ROVER.

Q/5
15 August 1945

TO : HQ 2 District

Copy to: L.O. NW ITALY
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1. In this HQ letter Q/5 of 14 Aug 45 regarding the recovery of Italian Army transport from units of 1 Guards Regiment it was stated in error this belonged to ER-III Service category.
2. The 1 Guards Regiment is classified as a British Combat unit and as such is entitled to issue of authorised equipment direct from British Ordnance.

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

RAQ/ar

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SUBJECT:- Sale of Italian Army Vehicles to Civilians.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
M.M.I.A. ROME.

Q/5-3
15 August 1945

TO : ~~AFHQ~~

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Reference is made to AFHQ/6190/1/Q(AE) of 12 Jul 45.

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1. In addition to the vehicles listed at Annex. "A" to this HQ Q/5 of 11 Aug 45 and which the War Ministry have struck off their records it appears that further vehicles of Italian Army origin were acquired by Mr. GRILLO Adamo during 1944 from British Salvage.
2. Details are given at Appendix "A".
3. Instructions are being issued to the War Ministry that these vehicles will not be taken over by the War Ministry pending further orders.
4. In compensation for the loss of these vehicles it is suggested that approval be given for an equivalent number of captured German vehicles to be released to the Italian Army as soon as available.

F. J. Noakes

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

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Appendix "A" to letter 0/5-3
dated 14 Aug. 45.

<u>Make.</u>	<u>Type.</u>	<u>Chassis No.</u>	<u>Engine No.</u>	<u>Targa No.</u>
Fiat	626M	RJHBC002645	002834	NA 33561
Spa	38	016677	021070	NA 33575
Lancia	3 RO	3263	3308	BN 2637
Isotta	Pr.	3584	3584	NA 33719
Lancia	3 RO	3233	3389	BN 2659
Fiat	626M	000041	000050	NA 33521
Spa	38	022049	010084	NA 33529
OM	Taurus	21985	21985	AV 3791
OM	Taurus	21375	21375	SA 6801
Spa	25010	18041	10-8604	NA 33754
Lancia	3 RO	3203	3460	BN 2768
Gieranc	500	9769	2316	NA 33767
Lancia	3 RO	404531	102-11700	NA 33797
Lancia	3 RO	594-6601	102-3441	BN 2634
Lancia	RO	394-2421	1451	NA 33766
Fiat	618	000434	006334	NA 33811
Isotta	D.80	3246	3246	NA 34032
OM	3 RO	0390	0390	NA 33869

Lancia	3 RO	3203	3460	IN 2700
Cieirano	500	9769	2516	NA 35767
Lancia	3 RO	4030591	102-11760	NA 33797
Lancia	3 RO	532-6601	102-3441	IN 2631
Lancia	RO	364-2121	1431	NA 35766
Fiat	613	000454	006354	NA 33811
Isotta	D.80	3246	3246	NA 34032
GA	3 BCD	0390	0390	NA 33869
Spa	39 L	42583	12868	NA 35306
Spa	38	36954	010562	SA 6929
Fiat	621	31124	31125	NA 34031
Spa	39L	51449	21077	102 25
Cieirano	500	24681	4617	SA 6910
Lancia	RO	64332		NA 6949
Fiat	626	001452	005303	
Spa	39L	42511		
Spa	39	15740	17941	
Cieirano	500			NA 35090
Fiat	626	001423	005325	NA 35215
Cieirano	500	25999	5073	NA 33302
Spa	38	011949	015358	NA 33998
GA	Ursus	1217	1212	NA 3412
Moto	Guaxi	26045	33912	

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Transport (US)Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
M.H.I.A. DEIR.6/5-2
15 August 1945TO : War Ministry
-----Copy to: MEIA LO NAPLES
MEIA LO NAPLES (for Mr. GRILLO)

1. The vehicles listed at Appendix "A" were obtained by Mr. GRILLO from U.S. Army Salvage.
2. These vehicles should therefore be struck off Army records and will not be liable to confiscation.
3. Your confirmation is awaited.
4. It is pointed out that the War Ministry received a number of motor vehicles (captured enemy material) from the U.S. Army Air Force which may now be considered Italian Army property.
5. The fact that legal possession has been vested in Mr. GRILLO by Allied Authorities does not impair the right under Italian law for the Ministry to requisition such vehicles if they so desire.


CLAYTON F. KSR, Colonel,
for Major General,
M.H.I.A.

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Appendix "A" to letter
 9/5-2 dated 15 August 45.
 Subject: Italian Army Transport (US)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Engine No.</u>	<u>Trans. No.</u>
Lancia	3 R0	568-2735	102-2900	NI 2577
Spa	38	011890	015269	NA 33303
Bianchi	Med	0544	0544	NA 33374
Flat	624N	001871	237820	NA 33310
Alfa	Romeo	2150329	2250440	NA 33712
Lancia	3 R0	10460	3454	NA 33420
Flat	624	000739	003269	NA 33429
Ceirano	47 C	31115	8076	NA 33376
Bianchi		211909503	305909112	NA 33450
Ceirano	500	26028	7971	NA 33430
Bianchi	Miles	5234	600633905	NA 33428
Flat	668N	002759	004253	NA 33835
Flat	626N	002645	010481	NA 33631
		004508	005290	NA 33512
Flat	624P	001624	000657	NA 33739
Flat	634	009995	012190	
Flat	624N	000524	000608	NA 33471
		017357	001331	NA 34281

Branch	Miles	9534	600033905	NA 33835
Pint	668	002759	004253	NA 33634
Pint	620	002643	010481	NA 33512
		004508	005200	NA 33759
Pint	621P	001624	000657	
Pint	634	009995	012190	NA 33474
Pint	624N	000524	000608	NA 34284
Spa	38	017357	021954	NA 33999
Spa	37-38	50834	203306	NA 34001
Lancia	Pen.	2911	2907	NA 33472
Spa	39L	48906	17966	

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SUBJECT: - Italian Army Transport.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
 M.H.I.A. RUE.
 15 August 1945

TO : War Ministry

Copy to: ~~ITALIA TO NAPLES~~
 ITALIA TO NAPLES (for Mr. GRILLO)

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Reference this HQ 4/5 of 21 Jul and your 15355 of 24 Jul 45.

1. In addition to vehicles listed at Appx. "A" of 4/5 of 11 Aug it has been confirmed that Mr. GRILLO Adamo has legally obtained the vehicles now listed at attached Appx. "A" from British Salvage sources.
2. These vehicles should therefore not be seized until further instructions. Confirm that this action has been taken.

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

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Appendix "A" to letter 3/5-4
dated 14 Aug. 45.

<u>Make.</u>	<u>Type.</u>	<u>Chassis No.</u>	<u>Engine No.</u>	<u>Tag No.</u>
Pont	626N	R3W002645	002834	NA 33561
Spa	38	016677	021070	NA 33375
Lancia	3 RC	3265	3308	EN 2657
Isotta	Fr.	3584	3584	NA 33719
Lancia	3 RC	3233	3399	EN 2659
Pont	626N	000041	000050	NA 33524
Spa	38	022049	010084	NA 33529
OM	Taurus	21903	21903	AV 3791
OM	Taurus	21375	21375	SA 6001
Spa	25010	18041	10-8604	NA 33754
Lancia	3 RC	3203	3460	EN 2768
Ciereno	500	9769	2516	NA 33767
Lancia	3 RC	424591	102-11700	NA 33797
Lancia	3 RC	504-6601	102-3441	EN 2631
Lancia	RC	364-2121	1451	NA 33766
Pont	618	000454	006354	NA 33811
Isotta	D.80	3246	3246	NA 34032
OM	3 DED	0390	0390	NA 33869

Lancia	3 RO	5203	2516	FA 33767
Ceirano	500	5769	102-11700	NA 33797
Lancia	3 RO	404591	102-3441	IN 2681
Lancia	3 RO	561-6601	1451	NA 33766
Lancia	RO	561-2121	006354	NA 33811
Piat	618	000154	3246	NA 34032
Isotta	D.80	3246	0390	NA 33869
GM	3 BGD	0390	12260	NA 33906
Dyn	39 L	42583	010562	SA 6929
Dyn	38	36934	34125	NA 34031
Piat	621	31124	21077	075221
Spe	39L	51449	4617	SA 6910
Ceirano	500	24681		SA 6949
Lancia	RO	64332	005303	
Piat	626	001452		
Dyn	39L	42511	17941	
Spe	39	48718		
Ceirano	500	001123	005323	NA 35090
Piat	626	25909	5073	NA 35215
Ceirano	500	011949	015338	NA 33302
Spe	38	1217	1212	NA 33998
GM	Urano	26045	33912	NA 3412
Koto	Guzzi			

Subject:- Transport 210 Alp. Div.

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

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14 August, 1945.

To:-

M.M.I.A. I.O. 5 Army.
Major Van Kirk.

Reference attached letter.

Request you expedite action to obtain this information and forward copy of report called for from 210 Div.

It was originally intended this formation would find vehicles for the Guard Coys. but you were obliged to make other arrangements.

It is not understood what this formation has done with it's vehicles.

Any now available should be returned to the nearest E.V.P.

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

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

Subject:- Transport 210 Adm. Div.

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

14 August, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference your 6/8262 dated 8 August 45, in which you report the loss of 15 wind screen labels intended for vehicles of 210 Adm. Div.

Before approval is given for these to be replaced, you are requested to furnish the following information concerning this formation:-

- (a) Number of vehicles (by types) originally in possession.
- (b) Number now held.
- (c) Details as to how difference between (a) and (b) have been disposed of.

RAC
R.A. GUSTIES Lt. Col.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Army Transport.Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
M.M.I.A. H.M.S.

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14 August 45

TO : HQ 2 District
-----Copy to:- HQIA ID HW ITALY
HQIA SF

1. It appears that 1 Guards Regt. (502, 505 & 519 Gd. Bns) still holds the following Italian Army Transport:-

14 motorcycles
6 Passenger Vehicles
10 load carriers

2. As this unit being British Service, is entitled to transport from Allied sources and in view of the existing shortage of transport in Italian Units not so entitled it is requested that:-

- (a) All Italian vehicles be returned at the earliest possible date to the nearest M.P.
- (b) replacement vehicles be found from captured enemy stocks at disposal of Allies.

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

SEE 560

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RAC/ar

From: Ministry of War.

Ref. 217374/11
200-12-7

To: M.W.I.A.

Date: August 13, 1945.

Subject: Maintenance of M.O.

This is in reply to letter 2/5 of July 13th last.

1. In order to remedy the shortcomings ascertained by M.W.I.A. concerning the maintenance of M.O. I have issued circular No. 217800/II dated the 10th instant, a copy of which is attached.

2. In this connection, however, I deem it advisable to point out the following:-

(a) the M.O. material issued to units using it is - for the most part - worn out and consists of the most varied and sometimes obsolete types. Repair work is being done by using - of necessity - non-original spare parts, sometimes built by the Army workshops themselves with lowgrade material, which in turn leads to more rapid deterioration. This situation may, however, improve, since the present recovery of material in the North will exercise a favourable influence upon general conditions in the Service.

(b) the shortage of M.O. causes an intensified use thereof, which is reflected in their serviceability. This is so because in addition to acceleration the wear and tear, it allows no rest periods, which are essential and required to carry out maintenance work in a diligent manner.

(c) too short a time has elapsed since the issue of the new regulations, and in order to avert its effect it will be necessary to wait for the proper personnel to become fully acquainted with them. To this end I am sending you a copy of circular No. 4680/2.4. of July 9th last, in connection with this question.

3. I believe that in the future the important problem of M.O. maintenance will undergo considerable improvement and will meet with complete understanding on the part of the personnel concerned.

Any shortcomings noted so far - far from constituting a shortage of the Allied Nations - (which, incidentally, would reach against the interests of the Italian Army at this juncture) may be traced to causes listed in paragraph 2.

(signed) Jacini

Minister

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From : Ministry of War.

Reference No. 217600/11
220.12.7

To : M.M.I.A.

DATE: Aug 25, 1945.

Subject: M.T. Maintenance.

With circular No. 4680/2.A of July 9th I called your attention to the necessity of using every possible means to ensure proper M.T. maintenance in order to preserve them in a serviceable condition. This was done especially because of the present serious transport bottleneck and the shortage of spare parts, spares parts, and other vehicles.

With this circular I issued definite instructions concerning full compliance with the instructions contained in the publication which can be found in the annexes in the matter.

M.M.I.A. gave its distinguished and valuable support and created a special inspection service in order to ensure compliance with M.T. maintenance regulations. In order to achieve unity of procedure, it was decided to adopt the rules and methods currently in force in the British Army, concerning which, an information was given in the above mentioned circular No. 4680/2.A of July 9th, 1945.

However, any M.T. was inspected - from Territorial H. S. down, - stress was laid on the necessity to apply the fundamental rules of good maintenance.

However, I have reason to believe that not everybody is as fully conscious of the seriousness of the current situation.

In particular, it should be borne in mind that a serious shortage of M.T. maintenance regulations leads to rapid deterioration of the equipment, thus making the way in a position of not being able to fulfill its tasks. That might possibly have been feared as carelessness and at this time it is feared as an act of sabotage against the heavy work of reconstruction in which we are engaged.

In order to prevent such a serious offence, I am of the following:

(a) Use of M.T.

In view of the fact that proper use of M.T. is a precondition for their conservation, I am reiterating the necessity of full compliance with the rules laid down by S.T. 2.3, in particular 3.7 "Article maintenance by road" an extract of which is reproduced in the enclosure.

In view of the present M.T. shortage it should be constantly borne in mind that motor vehicles are valuable items which must be used only for a good reason and for strictly official duties.

An adequate rest period will be provided for each vehicle, in order to enable drivers to carry out the necessary maintenance work.

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(6) Maintenance of M.V.

Provisions contained in Circular No. 235800/II of April 3, 1945, of the Ministry of War - Cabinet - and No. 4636/2.A of July 9, 1945 of the Directorate General of Artillery and Motorisation will be adhered to strictly and in full.

You are expected to exercise a watchful and constant check upon the agencies under your command in order to ensure that they as well as the personnel in charge of the vehicles, properly administer the new maintenance system, ensure compliance therewith and check its execution.

Full co-operation should be secured of all military personnel in order to achieve this purpose. Permanent efforts should be made by a Motor and M.V. Co. to make drivers become conscientious, make them take pride in their vehicles and cause them to handle them with care and attention.

Any man showing a lack of understanding, or signs of laxness or incompetence, should be punished severely and, if necessary, eliminated.

You are kindly requested to forward monthly to the Directorate General of Artillery and Motorisation a brief report on the progress of this important service, listing the shortcomings ascertained, the measures taken, and, possibly, submitting recommendations intended to bring about further improvements.

(signed) Jacini.

Spitzer.

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Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome

13 August 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. AFHQ has ordered that all vehicles of Italian military origin will be turned over to the Italian Army (Armed Forces) and has directed the War Ministry, through MMIA, to energetically go after and repossess the vehicles which are in the hands of civilians. This action was taken for the following reasons:

a. To permit the War Ministry to recover the property of the Italian Government in accordance with its own laws, at the specific request of the War Ministry.

b. To make available for the reorganized Italian Army the necessary number of vehicles and spares needed for that Army to perform its proper functions without Allied assistance.

c. To conserve the military vehicles in Italy for military purposes, especially the rubber, inasmuch as the Italian Army cannot secure rubber from either the civil imports or the Allied Armies.

2. a. Needless to say, if the Italian Army does not conserve all of the vehicles available to it in Italy, the Army will not be able to move nor to feed itself. It had been thought that the idea for an interim army was the recommendation of the Italian Government. However, it now appears that it is more important for civilians to operate these vehicles for personal profit than for the vehicles to be used for the benefit of the nation as a whole.

b. Maybe the Italian Government has an idea that the Allies will furnish Allied vehicles for the Army. Nothing could be further from the fact. The former loans of Allied vehicles possible in the past have now been withdrawn.

c. Unless the Italian Army secures, repairs, and conserves each and every vehicle it will not be possible for the Army to even feed itself when the Italian Government takes over in the future. AFHQ has made available to MMIA a large number of specialist Allied personnel to assist the Italian Army to get on its feet. It is obvious that the work of this personnel will be of little value if the Italian Civil Government will not assist in every way, and the personnel should be withdrawn. However, if this is done, the Allies can be assured that the Italian Army will be completely immobile in a very short time.

3. a. The Italian Civil Government has been furnished a large number of civilian trucks (new) for civil purposes. All of these trucks are not yet in use, but we are told are available to the Government. It can hardly be said that the use of some of these vehicles can be justified - such as a truck made into a bus and operating in Rome.

b. The Prime Minister states that the vehicles are being used for the public good. Last week two vehicles were picked up outside Rome, loaded with a privately owned cargo of vermouth and marsala. The black market is principally fed by these trucks, which use for the most part, stolen gasoline.

4. It is not understood how the Prime Minister can distinguish between the good and the bad. Are some people to be allowed to make enormous personal profits from using State property and others are denied the same privilege? Sounds like Fascist methods in the worst form.

5. The reorganization of Italian Army transport is now a matter of AFHQ orders. We cannot produce the interim Army without the transport. If the Italian Government will not help, then they will have no army.

6. It is suggested that the Prime Minister be informed that:

a. The recovery of all vehicles possible is a necessary and urgent basis for an operative Italian Army.

b. The Allies will not furnish Allied vehicles to the Army if the Government gives away Italian Army vehicles.

c. The rehabilitation of the Italian Army transport is being done at great expense to the Allies, and if the Italian Government is not interested in such rehabilitation, the Allies will be asked to withdraw all help.

d. The Civil Government, if it desires an army for the maintenance of law and order in Italy, must not only support the Army in repossessing its property, but also must actively insure that all the citizens of Italy do likewise.

7. German vehicles are not our concern. They are the property of the Allies.

(11)

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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From M. of W.
To MIL. TERR. H.Q.'s
C.O.'s CC.RR.
for info M.M.I.A.

Translation

COs Seen 9/5
Subject Windscreen Labels

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Ref. 6/8389/SERV/
Date 11/8/45 *Q2*

Italian military vehicles are being driven around without the prescribed labels; the instructions issued in cir.I/2030-1/2337 and 6/5847 dated respectively 8, 25 and 26 of June are not being carried out.

This disobedience shows entire lack of discipline that might prejudice or cause the allied collaboration to be withdrawn from the Italian authorities in the reorganisation of military transport.

The C.O.'s concerned will order, in the way they think best, that in the shortest possible time the execution of the orders already issued be guaranteed regarding this matter, taking severe disciplinary action against offenders.

DAK. *[Signature]*

RAC
Gen. Raffaele Cadorna. *[Signature]*

M.M.I.A.

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Folio 147, Q/100

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 DISTWO STOP REQUEST YOUR SIGNAL BE ANSWERED ACCORDINGLY

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Albuquerque
 Albuquerque

Subject:- Sale of vehicles to Italian Civilians.

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

4/5
August, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

1. Reference mtr 6/5 dated 21 July 45, same subject.
2. Please cancel list of vehicles forwarded to you in Appendix "A" to the letter in reference, and substitute in its place the attached which is a true copy of the original list made out to Mr. Grillo Adamo by O.C. Salvage Vehicle Park - Torre Annunziata.

Ras
F.J. HUGHES Col.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:- A.F.M.C. for Q(AS) (your AFM/6190/1/Q(AS) of 12 July 45)
Mr. Grillo Adamo
thru' MIA ID Barles.

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SEE 554

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Subject: Maintenance of Tot.

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

9 Aug 45

To: L.O. SARDINIA

ALL 6/53/22

Reference your letter of 4 Aug, para 1 c(1).

You will please inform the Commanding General Italian Forces in SARDINIA that the efficient maintenance of tot is considered of the highest importance. Any failure in this matter will be instantly considered in relation to the desirability of officers retaining their command.

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F.J. NOANES Col.
D.Q.M.G.
M.M.I.A.

FJN/hh

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Translation.

From:- M. of W.
To:- MMIA.

Ref:-6/8261/Serv.
Date:- 8th. Aug. 45

Subject:- Windscreen labels.

529.

Ref. your C/5 dated 24th. July 45.

Herewith attached, copy of:-

- 1) letter No.6/6736/S. dated 10th July 45
- 2) signal No.6/7946 dated 30th. July 45.
- 3) letter No.6/7916/S dated 31st July 45.

In a letter, which is being mailed also to you for information, other instructions have been issued to the Military Territorial Commands and to the GHQ., CORP. so that strict disciplinary action be taken against both the personnel who use vehicles without the prescribed windscreen label and the personnel on control duties who do not act with energy and decision.

Fabre.

(Sgd) E. Ronco.

Copy.Translation.

From:- M. of W.

to:- Mil. Territorial Command of Turin, Genova, Milan, Bolzano,
Udine, and Bologna.

for information to:-

Ref:-6/6736/Serv.

MMIA.date:- 10th. July 45.Two append. and the windscreen labels concerned, are attached
herewith.Subject:- Windscreen labels.

Herewith attached (according to the number shown against each unit detailed on appendix 1) please find windscreen labels to be applied to vehicles which are still without.

These windscreen labels will be distributed to the units by the Commands concerned, only for the vehicles which are actually in possession. Windscreen labels in excess to the requirement will be held by the Territorial HQs., concerned and issued later to the units under their command as these units get the vehicles to complete their WE.

The HQs., addressed above are requested to forward to this office:-

- a) a list of vehicles for which windscreen labels referred to above, have been provided; shewing for each vehicle:- the category, type, licence No., and the corresponding No. of the label.
- b) v.e.f. 15th. July 45, a weekly return shewing vehicles of each unit under their command. The return will be compiled as detailed in appendix 2 attached. Copy of said return will be forwarded by the HQs to IFSC.(MMIA) Rome.

Fabre.

(Sgd) G. Liuzzi.

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Subject: Incomplete Tanks.Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)

ROME.

C/S

7 August, 45.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Folio 28 C/98.

Reference your letter 21173 dated 30 June 45.

1. No action will be taken regarding the incomplete tanks and hulls at the Ansaldo S A Pirelli Works - Milan.
2. They will remain there, incomplete, until further instructions are issued by this H. Q.

[Signature]
E.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:-

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Subject: Workshop of the 40th Arty Regt.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
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6 Aug 45

MINISTRY OF WAR

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Ref your letter 6/7606/Serv dated 26 July 45.

1. 1st Mobile Park has now left SARDINIA and the workshop responsible for all repair of vehicles on the Island is 14 Repairs Unit.
2. We have no knowledge of the 40th Arty Workshop referred to in your letter and it is considered advisable to concentrate all specialist personnel on the island into one Unit.
3. You are therefore requested to disband the Unit and post all personnel to 14 Repairs Unit.

[Signature]
F.J. NGALLES Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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4904

Subject: Manual of Vehicles - Berlin Territorial H.

Land Forces Sub Commission L.O.
(H. I. A.)
ADM.

1 August 1945

To: Ministry of War.

Reference Letter from Berlin Territorial H.O. 1103/2.5 dated
26 July 45 addressed to M.E.I.A. L.O. H. I. A. Italy.

1. Administrative Transport Corps have been formed with the object of "pooling" and thereby economizing transport within each Territorial Command and avoiding the retention of small numbers of vehicles by separate individuals and units not having an authorized M/WO for transport.
2. Agreement can now, therefore, be given to the suggestion made in the above mentioned letter, and all the vehicles mentioned therein, with the exception of the vehicles referred to in paragraph 3 hereunder, must be taken in charge of No. 1 Admin. Coy, within the establishment already laid down for that unit, any efficient vehicles in excess of this establishment being transferred to No. 7 M.V.P. Unit and held available for issue as instructed by Cdr. H. .
3. Pending the possible formation of additional sections (or sections, temporary authority is hereby given for the retention of the following vehicles in addition to the authorized M/WO of No. 1 Admin. Coy. Coy:-

Vehicle	PLAT	1100	Serial No.	77106
"	"	626/2	"	111199
"	"	626/2	"	111200
"	"	626/2	"	111201
"	"	626/2	"	27107
"	"	626/2	"	27108

2. The report can be, therefore, be given to the suggestion made in the above mentioned letter, and all the vehicles mentioned therein, with the exception of the adularas referred to in paragraph 5 hereunder, must be taken in charge of No. 1 Admin. Bldg. Coy, within the establishment already laid down for that unit, any efficient vehicles in excess of this establishment being transferred to No. 7 E.V.P. BTLN and held available for issue as instructed by this H. .

3. Testing the possible formation of additional adularas (or sections, temporary authority is hereby given for the retention of the following adularas in addition to the authorized No. 1 of No. 1 Admin. Bldg. Coy:-

Adularas PLAT	Tharga No.	Tharga No.
" " 1100	" " 27106	" " 27106
" " 626/4	" " 111199	" " 111199
" " 605/5	" " 111200	" " 111200
" " 38/8	" " 111201	" " 111201
" " 110000	" " 27107	" " 27107
" " 110000	" " 27108	" " 27108
" " 250/40	" " 60216	" " 60216
" " 110000	" " 60217	" " 60217

These adularas will be at the disposal of the Medical Directorate, No. 1 Territorial Command, Unit No. 1 Admin. Bldg. Coy. will hold them in charge and be responsible for their maintenance.

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J. A. GUNES Lt. Col.
For Major General.
M. B. L. A.

Copy to: M.H.B. Lt. Col. M.H. 110000.
" " a/o 454 Bldg Area.

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S.S. 110000.

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Subject:- Vehicle Assignments.Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.

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2 August, 1945.

To:-

S.V.R.E.

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Reference your 6/7017/Serv of 14 July and 6/7907/Serv of 31 July requesting the assignment of Italian Army transport to 526 and 527 Guard Bns.

1. Your attention is drawn to this office letter ST/1305/526 of 12 July and ST/1303/526 of 26 June, in each of which you were requested to hasten the withdrawal of all Italian tpt. from 526 and 527 Guard Bns, which are BR-IFI units.

2. It would appear that no action has been taken to implement the instructions contained in our above quoted letters, and that your office is unaware of the position of these units. An explanation is requested at a very early date.

RAC

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

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Situazione automezzi ricostruiti di marca
Italiana venduti dai Comandi Alleati alla Ditta Rag.
Adamo Grilli - Napoli - Concessionario Fiat - Via
Libertà 24 - Napoli .-

General statement and situation of Italian
reconstruct trucks sold from allied HQ. to Mr. Adamo
Grilli - Napoli - Concessionario Fiat - Via Libertà 24

N A P L E S

Elenco clienti acquirenti

List of people whom I sold to lorryes to/

Adamo Grilli - Napoli - Concessionario Fiat - Via
Libertà 24 - Napoli .-

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Elenco clienti acquirenti

List of people whom I sold to lorries to/

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Mr.	Nome e cognome Name and surname	Domicilio address	marca e kind and
1	Ocone Domenico	(Ponte) benevento	Lancia
2	Cosma Michele	Via Giuseppe Simonelli 5 - Napoli -	Spa
3	Mercurio e Mandara	Via Paolo Boselli - Torre Annunziata -	Bianchi
4	Moccia Antonio	Via Nazario Sauro 3 - Afragola -	Fiat
5	Auricchio Carmine	Torre Annunziata	Alfa
6	Nobis Salvatore	Trentola (Aversa) -	Lancia
7	Pepe Michele	S. Agnello di Sorrento (Sorrento)	Fiat
8	Siciliani Giuseppe	Via Mergellina 84 - Napoli -	"
9	Liberato Cirillo	Torre Annunziata	Spa
10	De Gregori Pietro	Via Tasso 91 - Napoli -	Ceirano
11	Matrone Luciano	Via Lepanto 65 - Pompei -	Bianchi
12	Ocone Luigi	Ponte (Benevento)	Lancia
13	Fiorentino Giulia	Via Francesco Crispi 87 - Napoli -	Ceirano
14	Rocco Giovanni	Via Vittorio Veneto 5 - Milano -	Isotta
15	Saule e Capizzi Giovanni	- Mondragone -	Bianchi
16	Ocone Luigi	Ponte (Benevento)	Lancia
17	Acquaviva Guido	Via S. Pasquale a Chiaia - Napoli -	Fiat
18	"	" " " "	"
19	D'Antuono Luigi	S. ANTONIO ABATE	"
20	Monacella Nicola	Castellammare di Stabia	"
21	Ambrosio Michele	Caivano	Spa
22	Russo Antonio	S. Antonio Abate	"
23	Panico Giuseppe	" " "	"
24	Giordano Enrico	" " "	"
25	Lombardi Francesco	Cimitile	Fiat
26	Scala Giuseppe	Via Emanuele Gianturco 63 - Napoli -	"
27	Celentano Giuseppe	Leporano (Taranto)	"
		Via Paolo Boselli - Torre Annunziata -	"

4 Moccia Antonio					Alfa
5 Auricchio Carmine		Torre Annunziata			Lancia
6 Nobis Salvatore		Trentola (Aversa) -			Fiat
7 Pepe Michele		S. Agnello di Sorrento (Sorrento)		"	"
8 Siciliani Giuseppe		Via Mergellina 84 - Napoli -		Spa	
9 Liberato Cirillo		Torre Annunziata		Ceirano	Bianchi
10 De Gregori Pietro		Via Tasso 91 - Napoli -		Lancia	
11 Matrone Luciano		Via Lepanto 65 - Pompei -		Ceirano	Isotta
12 Ocone Luigi		Ponte (Benevento)		Bianchi	Lancia
13 Fiorentino Giulia		Via Francesco Crispi 87 - Napoli -		Fiat	
14 Rocco Giovanni		Via Vittorio Veneto 5 - Milano -		"	"
15 Saulle e Capizzi Giovanni		- Mondragone -		"	"
16 Ocone Luigi		Ponte (Benevento)		"	"
17 Acquaviva Guido		Via S. Pasquale a Chiaia - Napoli -		Spa	
18 " "		" " " "		"	"
19 D'Antuono Luigi		S. ANTONIO ABATE		"	"
20 Monacella Nicola		Castellammare di Stabia		"	"
21 Ambrosio Michele		Caivano		"	"
22 Russo Antonio		S. Antonio Abate		"	"
23 Panico Giuseppe		" " "		"	"
24 Giordano Enrico		" " "		"	"
25 Lombardi Francesco		Cimitile		"	"
26 Scala Giuseppe		Via Emanuele Gianturco 63 - Napoli -		"	"
27 Celentano Giuseppe		Ieporano (Taranto)		"	"
28 Mercurio e Mandara		Via Paolo Boselli - Toore Annunziata -		"	"
29 Nuti Oreste		Via Montella Gaetano 25 - Napoli -		"	"
30 Buonanno Luigi		Via del Sebedo 35 - Napoli		"	"
31 Maione Francesco		Via Traccia 35 - Napoli -		"	"
32 Scala Raffaele		S. Giovanni a Teduccio - Napoli -		"	"
33 Ferro Domenico		CAVX DEI TIRRENI (Salerno)		"	"
34 Ceraudo Francesco		S. NICOLA DELL'ALTO (Catanzaro)		"	"
35 Bozzaotre Paride		S. ANTONIO ABATE		"	"
36 D'Antuono Pietro		S. ANTONIO ABATE		"	"
37 Arzillo Francesco		CASAPULLA		Spa	
38 Felice Foglia Manzillo		TORRE ANNUNZIATA		Biat	
39 Boffoli Onofrio		Via Trevisano 22 - Bari -		Spa	
40 Erganziano F.lli		MERCOGLIANO (Avellino)		Fiat	
41 Benincasa Ciro		Angri (Salerno)		OM	
42 Trocchia Teresa		Avellino		OM	
				Fiat	

tipo	n° telaio	n° motor.	n° targa	Provenienza	Data
type	chassis	motor	permit		date
3 RD	504-2155	102-2000	BN 2577	Headquarters 6698 Th.	2/3/1944
38	011890	015269	NA 33303	"	"
Med.	8544	8544	NA 33374	"	"
521N	001871	297828	NA 33310	"	"
Romeo	2150329	2250440	NA 33712	"	"
3 RO	10460	3454	NA 33420	"	"
621	000799	003269	NA 33429	"	"
626N	R3NF002645	-002834	NA 33561	Area Salvage 57 Area	31/3/44
38	016677	021070	NA 33375	"	"
47 C	31115	8076	NA 33376	Headquarters 6698 Th.	2/3/1944
	20050503	305909112	NA 33450	"	"
3 RO	5263	3308	BN 2637	Area Salvage 57 Area	31/3/44
50 C	26028	7971	NA 33430	Headquarters 6698 Th.	2/3/1944
Fr.	3584	3584	NA 33719	Area Salvage 57 Area	31/3/1944
Miles	9534	600633905	NA 33428	Headquarters 6698 Th.	2/3/1944
3 RO	3233	3389	BN 2659	Area Salvage 57 Area	31/3/944
626N	000041	000050	NA 33521	"	"
666N	002759	004253	NA 33835	Headquarters 6698 Th.	2/3/1944
626N	002645	010481	NA 33631	"	"
"	004508	005290	NA 33512	"	"
38	022049	010084	NA 33529	Area Salvage 57 Area	31/3/944
39 L	50416	20089	NA 33588	Subject 21 HQ. SAL/LS/1	25/7/944
38	34470	008278	NA 33584	"	"
634N	006348	007557	NA 33585	"	"
626	006135	006495	NA 33581	"	"
"	005275	005680	NA 33577	"	"

3 RO	10460	3454	NA 33420	"	"	"	"
621	000799	003269	NA 33429	"	"	"	"
626N	R3NF002645-002834	NA 33561	Area Salvage 57 Area	"	"	31/3/44	"
38	016677	021070	NA 33375	"	"	"	"
47 C	31115	8076	NA 33376	Headquarters 6698 Th.	"	2/3/1944	"
3 RO	5263	3308	NA 2637	Area Salvage 57 Area	"	31/3/44	"
50 C	26028	7971	NA 33430	Headquarters 6698 Th.	"	2/3/1944	"
Fr.	3584	3584	NA 33719	Area Salvage 57 Area	"	31/3/1944	"
Miles	9534	600633905	NA 33428	Headquarters 6698 Th.	"	2/3/1944	"
3 RO	3233	3389	EN 2659	Area Salvage 57 Area	"	31/3/944	"
626N	000041	000050	NA 33521	"	"	"	"
666N	002759	004253	NA 33835	Headquarters 6698 Th.	"	2/3/1944	"
626N	002645	010481	NA 33631	"	"	"	"
"	004508	005290	NA 33512	"	"	"	"
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626	006135	006495	NA 33581	"	"	"	"
"	005275	005680	NA 33577	"	"	"	"
"	004572	004918	NA 33374	"	"	"	"
"	004575	004914	NA 33587	"	"	"	"
"	007205	007593	NA 33593	"	"	"	"
"	006387	006696	NA 33585	"	"	"	"
"	006113	006473	NA 33596	"	"	"	"
"	002881	003009	NA 33596	"	"	"	"
666	002894	004421	SA 6797	"	"	"	"
626N	002316	002472	NA 33606	"	"	"	"
"	004576	006936	NA 33620	"	"	"	"
38	016751	021145	NA 33619	"	"	"	"
626N	001433	001592	NA 33646	"	"	"	"
38	017829	022622	NA 33661	"	"	"	"
634N	007329	008779	BA 10558	"	"	"	"
Taurus	21983	21983	AV 3791	"	"	"	"
"	21375	21375	SA 6801	"	"	"	"
626	006019	006387	AV 3790	"	"	"	"

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NR.	Nome e Cognome Name and Surname	Domicilio Address	Marca e Kind and
43	Attanasio Francesco	Via S. Croce 1 - GRAGNANO -	Spa
44	Pepe Michele	S. AGNELLO DI SORRENTO (Sorrento)	Fiat
45	Andreozzi Ferdinando	Aversa	Spa
46	Pannella Raffaele	Trentola	Lancia
47	Borgia Fratelli	Barletta Via Bezzecca	Fiat
48	Pagliarini Remo	Via G. Arcoleo 27 - Napoli -	"
49	Onorato Vincenzo	TORRE DEL GRECO	Cierano
50	Monacella Nicola	CASTELLAMMARE DI STABIA	Lancia
51	Abagnale Pasquale	S. ANTONIO ABATE	Fiat
52	Orsillo Giorgio	PAUPISI (Benevento)	Lancia
53	Onorato Vincenzo	TORRE DEL GRECO	"
54	Fusco Vincenzo	Parco Margherita 73 - Napoli -	Fiat
55	Sprrentino Matteo	CASTELLAMMARE DI STABIA	Isotta
56	Pesante Luigi	S. SEVERO (Foggia)	Fiat
57	Ocone Domenico	PONTE (Benevento)	Fiat
58	Del Genio Arturo	Corso Garibaldi 240 - Napoli -	OM
59	Veltre Michele	CAMIGLIANO (Napoli)	Spa
60	Faella Francesco	Gragnano	"
61	Cretella Giuseppe	SCAFATI (Salerno)	"
62	Gargiulo e Longobardi	Gragnano	Fiat
63	Gargiulo Francesco	TORRE ANNUNZIATA	Spa
64	"	"	Lancia
65	Costanzo Domenico	NICASTRO (Catanzaro)	Spa
66	Salvi Domenico	NOCERA INFERIORE (Salerno)	Ceirano
67	Vitolo Gaetano	NOCERA INFERIORE	Lancia
68	Ocone Domenico	PONTE (Benevento)	Fiat
69	D'Antuono Pietro	ANGRI (Salerno)	Spa
70	Sinopoli Luca	"	"
71	Gustato Gerardo	Nocera Inferiore (Salerno)	Ceirano
72	D'Antuono Luigi	S. ANTONIO ABATE	Fiat
73	Fiorentino Giulia	Via Francesco Crispi 87 - Napoli -	Ceirano
74	Grilli Adamo	Via Libertà 24 - Napoli -	Lancia
75	"	"	Spa
76	"	"	"

53	Onorato Vincenzo	TORRE DEL GRECO	"	Fiat
54	Fusco Vincenzo	Parco Margherita 73 - Napoli -	"	Isotta
55	Sprrentino Matteo	CASTELLAMARE DI STABIA	"	Fiat
56	Pesante Luigi	S. SEVERO (Foggia)	"	Fiat
57	Ocone Domenico	PONTE (Benevento)	"	OM
58	Del Genio Arturo	Corso Garibaldi 240 - Napoli -	"	Spa
59	Veltre Michele	CAMIGLIANO (Napoli)	"	"
60	Faella Francesco	Gragnano	"	"
61	Cretella Giuseppe	SCAFATI (Salerno)	"	"
62	Gargiulo e Longobardi	Gragnano	"	Fiat
63	Gargiulo Francesco	TORRE ANNUNZIATA	"	Spa
64	"	"	"	Lancia
65	Costanzo Domenico	NICASTRO (Catanzaro)	"	Spa
66	Salvi Domenico	NOCERA INFERIORE (Salerno)	"	Ceirano
67	Vitolo Gaetano	NOCERA INFERIORE	"	Lancia
68	Ocone Domenico	PONTE (Benevento)	"	Fiat
69	D'Antuono Pietro	ANGRI (Salerno)	"	Spa
70	Sinopoli Luca	"	"	"
71	Gustato Gerardo	Nocera Inferiore (Salerno)	"	Ceirano
72	D'Antuono Luigi	S. ANTONIO ABATE	"	Fiat
73	Fiorentino Giulia	Via Francesco Crispi 87 - Napoli -	"	Ceirano
74	Grilli Adamo	Via Libertà 24 - Napoli -	"	Lancia
75	"	"	"	Spa
76	"	"	"	"
77	"	"	"	OM
78	"	"	"	Moto

Gli autocarri con asterisco sono stati ratificati con dispaccio in data 21/7/1945 dal Comando M/M2I.1. Si attende la ratifica del presente ~~specchietto~~.

Acquisti fatti a tutto il 27/7/1944.

The vehicles marked with the asterisk have been already ratified with letter of 21/7/1945, from Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) Rome 2/5.

The ratification of this other list is awaited. Statement of the vehicles purchased until the 27/7/1944.

tipon°Telaido type chassis	n°motore motor	n° targa permit	Provenieja	Data date
39L 50314	19934	NA 33692	Subject 21 HQ.SAL/LS/1	25/7/944
626 002885	002984	NA 33649	" " " " "	"
25010 18041	10-8604	NA 33754	" " " " "	"
3 RO 3203	3460	BN 2768	Area Salvage 57 Area	31/3/944
626 007165	007540	BA 10536	Subject 21 HQ.SAL/LS/1	25/7/944
618 005489	013406	NA 33712	" " " " "	"
50C 9769	2516	NA 33767	" " " " "	"
3 RO 464-591	102-11700	NA 33797	Area Salvage 57 Area	31/3/944
621P 001624	000657	NA 33739	Headquarters 6698 Th.	2/3/1944
3 RO564-6601	102-3441	BN 2681	Subject 21 HQ.SAL/LS/1	25/7/944
RO 364-2421	1451	NA 33766	" " " " "	"
618 000454	006354	NA 33811	" " " " "	"
D.80 3246	3246	NA 34032	Area Salvage 57 Area	31/3/45
634 009995	012190		Headquarters 6698 Th.	2/3/944
621N 000524	000608	NA 33471	" " " " "	"
3B0D 0390	0390	NA 33869	Area Salvage 57 Area	31/3/944
38 017357	021954	NA 34281	Headquarters 6698 Th.	2/3/1944
39 L 42583	12868	NA 33906	Subject 21 HQ.SAL/LS/1	25/7/944
38 36954	010562	SA 6929	" " " " "	"
621 31124	31125	NA 34031	" " " " "	"
37-38 50831	203308	NA 33999	Headquarters 6698 Th.	2/3/1944
Pen. 2911	2907	NA 34001	" " " " "	"
39L 51449	21077	CZ 3959	Subject 21 HQ.SAL/LS/1	25/7/944
50C 24681	4617	SA 6910	" " " " "	"
RO 64332		SA 6949	" " " " "	"
626 001452	005303		Area Salvage 57 Area	31/3/944
39 L 42511			" " " " "	"
39 48748	17941		" " " " "	"
50C			Subject 21 HQ.SAL/LS/1	25/7/944
626 001423	005223	NA 35090	Area Salvage 57 Area	31/3/944
50C 25999	5073	NA 35215	Subject 21 HQ.SAL/LS/1	25/7/944
3RO 4678	5009	NA 33582	Area Salvage 57 Area	31/3/944
38 011949	015338	NA 33302	Headquarters 6698 Th.	2/3/944
39L 48906	17966	NA 33472	Subject 21 HQ.SAL/LS/1	25/7/944
1217	1212	NA 33998	Area Salvage 57 Area	31/3/944

618 000454	NA 33811	Area Salvage 57 Area	"	"	"	31/3/45
D.80 3246	NA 34032	Headquarters 6698 Th.	"	"	"	2/3/944
634 009995	NA 33471	Area Salvage 57 Area	"	"	"	31/3/944
621N 000524	NA 33869	Headquarters 6698 Th.	"	"	"	2/3/1944
3B0D 0390	NA 34281	Subject 21 HQ.SAL/LS/1	"	"	"	25/7/944
38 017357	SA 6929	"	"	"	"	"
39 L 42583	NA 34031	"	"	"	"	"
38 36954	NA 33999	Headquarters 6698 Th.	"	"	"	2/3/1944
621 31124	NA 34001	"	"	"	"	"
37-38 50831	OZ 3959	Subject 21 HQ.SAL/LS/1	"	"	"	25/7/944
Pen. 2911	SA 6910	"	"	"	"	"
39L 51449	SA 6949	"	"	"	"	"
50C 24681	005303	Area Salvage 57 Area	"	"	"	31/3/944
RO 64332	17941	"	"	"	"	"
626 001452	005223	Subject 21 HQ.SAL/LS/1	"	"	"	25/7/944
39 L 42511	5073	Area Salvage 57 Area	"	"	"	31/3/944
39 48748	5009	Subject 21 HQ.SAL/LS/1	"	"	"	25/7/944
50C	015338	Area Salvage 57 Area	"	"	"	31/3/944
626 001423	17966	Headquarters 6698 Th.	"	"	"	2/3/944
50C 25999	1212	Subject 21 HQ.SAL/LS/1	"	"	"	25/7/944
3RO 4678	33912	Area Salvage 57 Area	"	"	"	31/3/944
38 011949						
39L 48906						
Jrums 1217						
Guzzi 26045						

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Subject:- Disposal of obsolete Army Vehicles.

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

Q/5

31 July 1945.

Ministry of War.

In continuation this H.Q. Q/5 of 22 June 45, and with reference to your 1/2621/3erv dated 16 June, the arrangement proposed in paragraph 5 thereof will be discontinued.

A.C. (Transportation Sub Commission) have suggested that the disposal of derelict or obsolete vehicles which may be authorised for sale be arranged direct between the War Ministry and the Ministry of Transport who would be best qualified to nominate firms or individuals considered suitable.

In future, therefore, the disposal of such vehicles as are certified by M.M.I.A. as not required for the Army will be at your discretion.

RGE

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

Copy to:-

S.A.M.R.

RAC/rem

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SUBJECT:- Sale of Vehicles to
Italian Civilians.

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

✓
28 July 1945

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TO : L.O. M.M.I.A., NAPLES

1. Enclosed copy of letter regarding vehicles the property of Mr. GRILLO.
2. Enclosed also is list of vehicles sold by Mr. GRILLO but which does not contain engine or chassis numbers. To enable these to be identified as from Br. or US Salvage please cause the engine and chassis numbers to be inserted and return the list.

RAC

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

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SEE 541

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Subject:- Sale of vehicles to Italian Civilians.

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

Q/5

21 July 45.

Ministry of War.

Reference conversation Major BYATT - Gen. PROPERZI spoke.

1. It is confirmed that the vehicles listed in Appendix "A" to this letter are the legal possession of Mr. GRILLO Adamo - Concessionario - Via Galileo Ferraris 43, NAPLES.
2. The vehicles will be struck off Army records and will not be liable to confiscation.
3. Your confirmation is awaited.

(signed) F.J. Noakes, Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to AFHQ for Q(AE) (your AFHQ/6490/1/Q(AE) of 12 July refers)
Mr. GRILLO Adamo
thro' MMIA LO NAPLES.

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List of Captured Vehicles disposed of by
local sale to Civilians - Ex Base Salvage Depot.
Torre Annunziata.

Type of Vehicle	W.D. or Italian Registration No.	Engine No.	Chassis No.
SPA 8 cwt. 4 x 2	5240383	19934	50314
FIAT 5 ton	WE533198	255G008778	N11
SPA 3 ton R	REG4409	18-300639	N11
SPA (10 cwt. C11)	5246334	10089	N11
FIAT 5-ton	5240372	226BIM004914	004575
FIAT 5-ton	N11	226BIM003009	002881
FIAT 5-ton	N11	227-004918	626BIM004572
FIAT 5-ton	5240354	326-002472	626-002316
FIAT 10-ton	N11	3550-007557	634M-006348
FIAT 5-ton	155911	226BIM006473	626BIM006113
FIAT 5-ton	N11	226BIM005600	626BIM005275
OPEL 3-ton (type 6700)	669FH	42RT0943	N11
FIAT 5-ton	REG0611	226BIM007540	626BIM007165
FIAT 5-ton	4711455	226BIM006495	626BIM006135
OPEL 3-ton (type 6700AG)	N11	42RT2613A	ER 172608
FIAT 5-ton	150352	226BIM006696	626BIM006387
FIAT 5-ton	IL4	226BIM002984	626BIM002885
FIAT 5-ton	Q4X (Canadian)	226 + 006936	-006576
FIAT 5-ton	79 Prevost	226BIM007593	62BIM007205
LANCIA-APRILIA 3-cwt.	BN57 082	MOT 973096	+
SPA 30 cwt. CHERRETTA	N11	18300639	-
FIAT (type 500 RAFT)	WD RAFT 05	026077	-
FIAT SAILON 58 HP	WDL606	108-100793	508-099925
CADILLAC	135 RAF ASP		
SPA 28 (3 ton)	WDL5240378	18-300689	36135
FIAT 5-ton WD	WD(9) 548	226BIM006387	626BIM006019
LANCIA AUGUSTA 8 HP			
(Blue Balbon)	WD RAF WU57	13721	31-12448
LANCIA LOBY 4 x 2	RE 90534	464-12001-10	- Engine Block No. 58
CARRO RIMORCHIO M34 (ET Trailer)	1514	-	Four wheels solid.
FIAT 5-ton	WD RAF TA 45	386-004421	666-002894
FIAT 5-ton	40	226BIM001592	626 BIM001433
RENAULT 3-ton Lorry	N11	22546	N11
GRANIT (German Amb)	165039	MIANCHEN WERKE	GUSTAV WINTER
		58296A	529 JAIR 1940
SPA 3 ton 38E	RE 13177	0022622	017829 Block
		4894	No. 18588689
FIAT 5 (CHIARABANO) Mark 60	N11	118-013406	618-005489

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Subject:- Monthly Census of Vehicles and other War-like Stores.

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

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2/5

27 July 1945.

To:-

R.O.
1 District.

Attached communication from 53 BLU relates to return required to be submitted by Gruppi through British channels. to A.P.H.Q.

Please inform 53 BLU as to information required.

RAC

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

Copy to:-

53 BLU

RAC/fem

SEE 537/1SEE 536

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Subject:- WD Ppt. and Stores.

53 B.L.U.

Ref. 922 - 35

15 Jul 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub A.C. (2214)
R O M E

H.Q. Combat Group; ~~WILKINS~~

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1. Ref your C/S of 15 Jun, addressed to Italian Ministry of War, re return to be submitted to the above mentioned Ministry of all "Ex. bot and war materials" held by Italian Army units.

2. A copy of the above mentioned letter has been passed by the Ministry to Combat Group ~~WILKINS~~ for action.

3. In order that assistance may be given to the Group, please inform this HQ what items of equipment you require recorded in the return under the term "war materials".

Yours Major

For Lt. Col.
G.S.

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TRANSLATION.

From: Ministry of War

To: M.M.I.A.

Subject: Workshop of the 40th Arty. Regt.

Ref: 6/7606/Se

Date: 26 July 1945

*Internal Security**33/3*

The H.Q. of the ~~St.~~ Calabria Div. have informed us that Major Hall has ordered the dismantling and handing over to 1st Mobile Park of the Fixed Workshop of the a/m Regt.

Taking into consideration that:

- (a) The workshop now functioning at the 40th Arty. Regt's Depot is *continuing* sustaining the largest part of existing work to be carried out.
- (b) The establishment of the Regimental Arty. depots provide for the personnel required for a workshop formed in said depots.

We beg you to re-examine the orders issued and to inform us of the decisions taken.

Ronco.

Carter.

Phone Pomeroy & ask him to ascertain whether this is a Repair Unit.

SEE 546 4891

I. Feb 26
Territorial H.Q., Turin
"Servizi" Office.

P.M. 218, 26 July, 1945.

Ref. Nall83/D.5

Subject: Motorvehicle Report.

To: M.M.I.A. L.O. M.H. Italy.

During a recent conference held at this H.Q. (25th inst.) at which, amongst other things, the subject of completing the W.E. of the 1st Administrative Transport Company was discussed, Mjr Edwards referred to a Vehicle Report (in his possession) in which the Turin Territorial H.Q. was reported as having the following Vehicles:

- 7 M/Cs
- 11 Staff Cars
- 6 Light Load-carriers ("Autocarrette")
- 12 Load-carriers
- 8 Motor-ambulances
- 1 Tractor.

It is thought that the a/m figures have been taken from a Memo made out for Col Balanzino on July 16th, 1945, in which separate lists were made for:

- a) Motor-vehicles on duty at the 1st Adm Tpt Coy;
- b) Motor-vehicles on duty at Military Establishments located in the Turin Garrison Area;
- c) Motor-vehicles on duty at Military Establishments located outside the Turin Garrison Area.

Attached are copies of the a/m lists. It is true that, as per present instructions, the Adm Tpt Coy should have under its direct command all the Vehicles of the Units under command of this H.Q., but it must be kept in mind that the Turin Garrison Establishments (Appdx "B") and the ones outside the said Garrison Area (Appdx "C") are nearly all side Units ("organi periferici") of the Ministry of War or else Units which have Vehicle W.E.s of their own.

They are in any case Units which should not have the very few Means of Transport they possess taken away from them, so as not to paralyze their activity.

We therefore ask you, taking all this into consideration, to please classify the Motor-vehicles listed in Appdxs "B" & "C" as being outside the W.E. fixed for the 1st Adm Tpt Coy of this H.Q., i.e.: 10 M/Cs, 10 Staff-cars, 60 Load-carriers.

Please would you also kindly inform all concerned of the changes in the Motor-vehicle Report of the 1st Adm.ve Tpt Coy up

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Please would you also kindly inform all concerned of the changes to be made in the Motor-vehicle Report of the 1st Adm.ve Tpt Coy up to and including today (?).

by order,

Sgd P. Mellano, Lt Col, Deputy Chief of Staff,
for Col, Chief of Staff.

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4-CA CURTIES

Please speak on this

1 Aug

Draft with S.F. letter to War Admin. The copy

that vehicles on days Admin. & no additional
are to be used for ad officers, special allocations can
be made

Translation.

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From:- M. O. W.

Ref:-15353.

To:- MMIA.

Date:- 24th. July 45.

Subject:- ADAMO GRILLI Firm of Naples.

Further to conversation with Major BYATT re-material handed over to ADAMO GRILLI Firm of Naples, we assure you that the following has been ordered:-

1) "striking off" the lists of the Mil. Admin., the vehicles reconstructed by the a/n firm and the material duly purchased from the Allies for ~~34~~ ³⁴ vehicles, as per list held by this ministry.

2) no claims will be made on the vehicles in question by the Military Administration.

Moreover, we assure you that, as far as this ministry is concerned, no difficulties will be made on the free circulation of the vehicles in question.

Fabre.

[Signature]

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Subject: Italian Army Movement.

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Italian Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

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To: War Ministry.

Reference is made to this Headquarters letter number as above dated

1 May 45.

1. The number of Italian Army vehicles available for issue to units of the Italian Army will fall a fair short of requirements. The number of Italian Army vehicles is barely adequate to keep pace with wastage and enable vehicles beyond local repair to be replaced.

2. Early delivery has been made to assist the War Ministry in their efforts to re-equip Italian Army vehicles equipped in the North of Italy and a considerable quantity of these vehicles are now passing into the control of the Italian Army. No immediate relief will however be experienced owing to the necessity of providing transport for newly formed units in the North. It is therefore essential that all Italian Army vehicles are kept strictly controlled and allowed to operate only as authorized by the Ministry. For this purpose the official vehicle label was introduced. Sufficient quantities have now been issued to meet the needs of Territorial Headquarters for vehicles at present authorized.

3. At any time in the distribution of these labels it was noted that a table of distribution should be made by H.Q. I.A. based on the number of vehicles authorized in the various Territorial Commands subject to the action that an immediate request would be made through the War Ministry by the Territorial Command concerned giving the registration number of the vehicles to which this registration certificate had been issued. As for these returns have been very slow in coming in and it is not understood why,

to the security of providing transport for newly formed units in the North. It is therefore essential that all Italian Army vehicles are kept strictly controlled and allowed to cross only as authorized by the Ministry. For this purpose the original Italian label was introduced. Sufficient quantities have now been issued to meet the demands of Territorial Headquarters for vehicles at present authorized.

3. To save time in the distribution of these labels it was agreed that a bulk distribution should be made by M.A.I.A. based on the number of vehicles authorized in the various Territorial Commands subject to the condition that as immediate action would be made through the Ministry by the Territorial Command concerned giving the registration number of the vehicles to which each authorization certificate has been issued. So far these returns have been very slow in coming in and it is not understood why. In the case of all Territorial Commands in and including Rome, Florence and Naples, full details are not now available.

4. In addition the control of Italian Army transport was to be maintained on Italian labels as possible, as indicated in the number of vehicles available for allocation you are required to send forthwith the returns demanded by you on 16 May for emergency vehicles not bearing a certificate label.

5. You are required

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(a) to expedite the return giving particulars of any vehicles to which authorization labels are allocated.

(b) to ensure forthwith to issue instructions to all vehicles concerned as to the manner in which Italian Territorial Headquarters should be contacted as to the issue of labels and to ensure that the labels are not being used in any manner which will be in conflict with the instructions.

(c) to ensure that the Territorial Headquarters concerned and the M.A.I.A. I.O. of Italian labels and boxes to certificates numbered by the M.A.I.A. are being maintained and vehicles issued on the basis.

6. Vehicles that are covered will be handed in to the nearest Territorial Headquarters for handling and to the nearest Territorial Headquarters for the return of labels.

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MIA

DISPATCH

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FOR MIA 10 (.) WAR MINISTRY WITH ALLOCATE ONE
 RECOVERY ORIGINATOR TO NO. 6 RECOVERY, DEMAND (.)
 AS 21 AND 22, BOTH NOW UNDER NO. 4, RECOVERY, DEMAND
 SUGGEST ONE OF THESE MOST SUITABLE (.) SERIAL CONFIRMATION

SEE 503SEE 531

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Subject:- Sale of vehicles to Italian Civilians.

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

H G H E

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24 July 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref. conversation Major ⁽³⁵⁾BIATT - Gen. PROPERZI spoke.

1. It is confirmed that the vehicles listed in Appx "A" to this letter are the legal possession of Mt. GRILLO Adamo - Concessionario - Via Galileo Ferraris 43 - NAPLES.

2. The vehicles will be struck off Army records and will not be liable to confiscation.

3. Your confirmation is awaited.

for F. J. N. *travel*
Major General, Colonel
M.M.I.A.

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for F. J. N. vanel
Major General, Colonel
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- AMHQ for Q(AE) (your AMHQ/619C/1/Q(AE) of 12 July refers
Mr. GRILLO Adamo
thru: AMIA LO NAPLES.

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C O P Y

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

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x FIAT 5 ton	WL533198	255C008778	N11
x HPA 3-ton R	RE64409	18-300689	N11
x HPA (10-cwt C11)	5246334	10089	N11
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FIAT 5-ton	N11	226HLM003009	002881
FIAT 5-ton	N11	227-004918	626HLM004572
FIAT 5-ton	5240354	326-002472	626-002315
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FIAT 5-ton	155911	226HLM006473	626HLM006113
FIAT 5-ton	N11	226HLM005680	626HLM005275
x OPEL 3-ton (Type 6700)	669RT	42BET0943	N11
FIAT 5-ton	RE60611	226HLM007540	626HLM007165
FIAT 5-ton	4711455	226HLM006495	626HLM006135
x OPEL 3 ton (Type 6700RG)	N11	42BR26134	BR 172683
FIAT 5-ton	150352	226HLM006696	626HLM0063187
FIAT 5-ton	IR4	226HLM002984	626HLM002885
FIAT 5-ton	Q4Y (Canadian)	226 + 006936	004576
FIAT 5-ton	79 Prevost	226HLM007593	626HLM007205
+ LANCIA-APRILIA 8-cwt	NR57 082	(NOT 973026)	+
x SPA 30 cwt CONCRETE	N11	18300689	-
+ FIAT (Type 500 RAFT)	WD RAFT 05	026077	-
FIAT Sallion 58 HP	WDL606	108-100793	508-099925
FIAT	135 RAFT ASP		

- SPA 8cwt 4x2	5240383	19934 -	50314 -
x FIAT 5 ton	WL533198	2550008778	Nil
x SPA 3-ton R	RL64409	18-300689	Nil
x SPA (10-cwt C11)	5246334	10089	Nil
/ FIAT 5-ton	5240372	226BLMO04914	004575 -
/ FIAT 5-ton	Nil	226BLMO03009	002881 -
/ FIAT 5-ton	Nil	227-004918	626BLMO04572 -
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/ FIAT 5-ton	155911	226BLMO06473	626BLMO05113 -
/ FIAT 5-ton	Nil	226BLMO05680	626BLMO05275 -
x Opel 3-ton (Type 6700)	669HN	42BR0943	Nil
/ FIAT 5-ton	RL60611	226BLMO07340	626BLMO07165 -
/ FIAT 5-ton	4711455	226BLMO06495	626BLMO05135 -
x Opel 3 ton (Type 67000G)	Nil	41BR26134	IR 172688 -
/ FIAT 5-ton	150352	226BLMO06696	626BLMO063X87 -
/ FIAT 5-ton	HQ4	226BLMO02984	626BLMO02885 -
/ FIAT 5-ton	Q4Y (Canadian)	226 + 006936	004576 -
/ FIAT 5-ton	79 Provost	226BLMO07593	626BLMO07205 -
LANCIA-APHELIA 8-cwt	BN57 082	MOF 973096	+
SPA 30 cwt CORRITTA	Nil	18300689	-
FIAT (Type 500 RAPR)	WD RAPR 05	026077	-
FIAT Saloon 58 HP	WDL606	108-100793	508-099925 -
	135 RAP ASP	18-300689	36135
x SPA 28(3 ton)	WDL5240370	226BLMO06367	626BLMO06019 -
/ FIAT 5-ton WD	WD(8) 548		
LANCIA AUGUSTA 8 hp	WD RAP WU57	13721 -	31-12448 -
(Blue Saloon)	RE 90534	464-12001-10	4885e Block
x LANCIA LORRY 4x2			4885e Block
			NO58
CARRO RIMORCHIO M34	1514	386-004421	1514
FIAT 3-ton	WD RAP TA 45	226BLMO01392	FOUR WHEELER
FIAT 3-ton	40	22546	868-002897
FIAT 3-ton	Nil	PIANOMEN WERT	626 BLMO01433 -
FIAT 3-ton	163039	382964	Nil 1014777
GRASIE (German Amb)	RE 13177	0022622	GUSTAV WINTER
SPA 3 ton 38R	Nil	118-013406	529 JAH 1240
FIAT (CHABABANO) Mark 60			517829
			48-1618885
			618-005489

OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : RMIA
TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
INFO : "F" BL & TU
REF : SD 2849

DATE 19
TIME 1255 B

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REF YOUR 15100/ORD DATED 14 JUL (.) VEHICLES
RENDERED SURPLUS BY DISBANDMENT OF CENTRAL
DRIVING SCHOOL WILL BE DISPOSED OF AS FOLLOWS (.)
EFFICIENT VEH TO NO 1 EFFICIENT VEH PARK (.)
INEFFICIENT VEH TO NO 1 REPAIR UNIT (.) THIS
CONFIRMS VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ON 17 JUL

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

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FILE : SD/30/2

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

DATE 19 11 52
TIME 11 52
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FROM : MILIA

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

SUBJECT : PLEASE (LIAISON SECTION) FOR MILIA LO
59 AREA FOR MILIA LO
60 SUB AREA FOR MILIA LO

REF : SD 2848

RESTRICTED

ONE (.) 3 ITALIAN G T COY HAS BEEN PLACED
AT DISPOSAL MILIA WEF 16 JUL (.) TWO (.)
66 VEHES LEAVE C I S A H O FOR L E G H O R N
20 JUL AND WILL LIFT 650 TONS SUPPLIES
L E G H O R N TO G E N O A TO ASSIST
IN STOCKING ITI-ITI DISTRIBUTION DEPOTS
THAT AREA (.) ON CONTELION ABOVE LEFT THE
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AND REPORTS TO MILIA LO 60 SUB AREA FOR
ORDERS (.) THREE (.) PROBABLE THAT REMAINDER
OF COY READY TO MOVE NORTH FOR SIMILAR
EMPLOYMENT BY END JUL

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AND REPORTS TO MMIA NO 60 SUB AREA FOR
ORDERS (.) TYPES (.) PROBABLE THAT REMAINDER
OF COY READY TO MOVE NORTH FOR SIMILAR
EMPLOYMENT BY END JUL

PREFERENCE ROUTINE

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DATE : 20/6/2

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SUBJECT : "B Veh Census"

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

Q/5

18 JULY 45

TO : M.M.I.A. LO c/o HQ I DIST.

5/8/2.

Reference your LO/Q8 dated 16 July 45.

1. Attached copy of this HQ letter Q5 dated 15 June for your information.

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2. D DOS I District should be contacted for particulars and forms relating to the census return.

[Signature]

R.A. CURTIES Lt Col.

For Col. D.Q.M.G.

M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Monthly Census of Vehicles and other
Warlike Stores.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
Q/5
15 July 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

1. All Italian Units are required to render a census return of all British vehicles and Warlike Stores held in their possession.
2. You are requested to instruct all units who use any British vehicles or British equipment to contact their respective British Commands who will inform them as to details of the Census return required.

(signed) F.J. NOAKES

F.J. NOAKES, Col.
For Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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C O P Y
T R A N S L A T I O N

518/11

FROM : Ministry of War

Ref : 15100/Ord

TO : General Directorate of ART and Mot.

INFO : MMIA (ref SD/94/1 of 5 July 45)

Date : 14 July 45.

Q/8.

SUBJECT : Disbandment of "CIARPAGLINI" driving School, Rome.

The MMIA has ordered the disbandment w.e.f. 8 July 45, of the CIARPAGLINI driving School, Rome.

In respect of the above we order that:

Permanent personnel students, lorries and materials (including instructional material) will be under control of the Driving School HQ at the Rft Trg Centre, Cesano.

The course, started by the "CIARPAGLINI" school HQ on 8 July 45, will carry on at the new HQ "CESANO", in charge of instructors already posted there. At the end of the course, the driver students will be posted again to their respective supply units.

The movement will have to take place without fail by the 19 July 45. The Directorate General., ART and MT. is asked to forward to this S.M. the data for the definite sanction of the disbandment of the school concerned.

SEE 522

Sgd : Giorgio LEUZZI

Typed by : jw 18 July 45.

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Subject: Maintenance of Motor Transport.

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

1st July 1945

1. The att letter has been sent to the War Ministry. The G.O.C. wishes all M H I A LO's to continue to lay special emphasis on this subject when visiting all Italian HQ's and units.

2. You should explain to Senior HQ's such as Territorial or Adm Divs that you have received such orders and that instances where it is not being carried out will be reported by you to this HQ. Action on your reports will be taken by this HQ direct with the War Ministry with a view to exemplary disciplinary action.

RWH/10

F. J. Holmes
F. J. HOLMES, Col.
D.Q.M.G.
M. H. I. A.

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Subject: Maintenance of Motor Transport.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
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12 July 1945

To: The Minister for War.

Your Excellency,

1. I have many times in the past drawn your attention to the vital importance of adequate MT maintenance. Whenever I, or my staff, visit Italian Headquarters from Territorial HQ's downwards we examine and impress this on all officers. Nevertheless we still have the distinct impression that the Italian Army is not fully aware of the gravity and urgency of the situation and I regret to inform you that I consider this present situation is due to sheer idleness and ignorance on the part of both officers and men.
2. Very extensive assistance has been given by British personnel and instructions on the British system of maintenance have been distributed in Italian, but no effort is made to carry them out.
3. If adequate maintenance is not carried out there will not be sufficient vehs for the Italian Army to carry out its tanks, which will entail provision of vehs by the Allies. You will appreciate that all possible Allied equipment is required for the prosecution of the war with Japan and for world reconstruction. The deplorable maintenance of equipment is thus in fact tantamount to sabotage against the United Nations.
4. I must again demand that you issue immediate orders on this subject, making it quite clear that those who do not carry out their duty will receive exemplary punishment including even dismissal from the service and see that the orders are carried out.
5. I require a copy of your orders for the information of the Supreme Allied Comd.

EW/10

Lu 554/1

(Sgt) L. BROOME 4878
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Disposal of Recovered IMV Vehicles.

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

9/5
14 July 1945.

To:- Ministry of War.

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Reference Appendix "A" to this HQ letter C/5 dated 15 June 45.

1. Owing to the move of No. 6 D.V.P. from Turin to Verona, vehicles recovered by Territorial Commands in excess of their authorised VE/TOs will henceforward be disposed of as follows:-

Commands - Turin	}	to No. 7 Efficient Vehicle Park Milan.
Genoa		
Milan		
Commands - Bologna	}	to No. 6 Efficient Vehicle Park Verona.
Udine		
Bologna		

2. In view of the large number of vehicles shortly to be released by 1 District, HQIA LO 1 District has been instructed to report to this office the total number of efficient vehicles available for disposal after Commands Bolzano, Udine and Bologna have been made up to VE/TOs, since instructions may be given by this office for a proportion of these vehicles to be transferred to Commands Turin, Milan or Genoa, where more transport is an operational necessity.

for J. Noddy
E.J. NOAMES Col.
for Major General.
R. S. I. A.

Copy to:- HQIA LO 5 Army

Commands - Belluno
 Udine
 Bologna

to No. 6 Efficient Vehicle Park
Verona.

2. In view of the large number of vehicles shortly to be released by 1 District, WMA LO 1 District has been instructed to report to this office the total number of efficient vehicles available for disposal after Commands Bolzano, Udine and Bologna have been made up to W5/26, since instructions may be given by this office for a proportion of these vehicles to be transferred to Commands Turin, Milan or Genoa, where more transport is an operational necessity.

P. J. Novak
P. J. NOVAKS Col.
For Major General.
M. H. I. A.

Copy to:- WMA LO 5 Army
Rear 8 Army
Cardinia
Sicily
Naples
Bari
N.W. Italy
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Subject: Maintenance of Motor Transport.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R OM B
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12 July 1945

To: The Minister for War.

Your Excellency,

1. I have many times in the past drawn your attention to the vital importance of adequate MP maintenance. Whenever I, or my staff, visit Italian Headquarters from Territorial HQ's downwards we examine and impress this on all officers. Nevertheless we still have the distinct impression that the Italian Army is not fully aware of the gravity and urgency of the situation and I regret to inform you that I consider this present situation is due to sheer idleness and ignorance on the part of both officers and men.
2. Very extensive assistance has been given by British personnel and instructions on the British system of maintenance have been distributed in Italian, but no effort is made to carry them out.
3. If adequate maintenance is not carried out there will not be sufficient vehs for the Italian Army to carry out its tasks, which will entail provision of vehs by the Allies. You will appreciate that all possible Allied equipment is required for the prosecution of the war with Japan and for world reconstruction. The deplorable maintenance of equipment is thus in fact tantamount to sabotage against the United Nations.
4. I must again demand that you issue immediate orders on this subject, making it quite clear that those who do not carry out their duty will receive exemplary punishment including even dismissal from the service and see that the orders are carried out.
5. I require a copy of your orders for the information of the Supreme Allied Comd.

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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[Signature]
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Incomplete Tanks.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
Q/5
29 July 1945.

To:-

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

Reference the attached letter from the Ministry of War 21173 dated 30 June 1945.

1. As this is a matter of policy for your decision, a ruling is requested.
2. The tanks are not known by this H.Q. to be operationally required.

[Signature]
F.J. NOAKES Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

Encl. Ministry of War letter 21173 dated 30 June 45.

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Subject: Transport Control Officers

Land Forces Sub Commission A.G.
(M. H. I. A.)
C/5
3 July 1945.
ROME.

To:-

M.H.I.A. L.C.
M. H. ITALY

Major Ryles is being made available as your S.T. representative and will report not later than Thursday 5 July 45.

For the present he will not be required to deal with the recovery and repair of M.T., or other P.M.M.R. matters within the province of Major Edwards D.A.D.M.R. Northern Italy.

He should assist you in the supervision of transport Coys. now being formed and in the management of Efficient Vehicle Parks, as well as on the supply side.

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

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COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
Automobile Directorate

No. 739/AUT

AFO 75/A, 1 February 1945

SUBJECT: Automobile and Repair Service.

TO : M.M.I.A. - Colonel Simmons' Office.

The 13th Auto Park forwarded to this Hq (Inclosure 1) a report concerning the organization of the Automotive Service of the Island planned by Major Hall (hr) and to be submitted by MMIA to the Allied Supreme Command and to Ministry of War - Motorization General Directorate for approval.

Although this Hq is wholly in agreement, it is recommended that a few changes be made to render its execution more practicable:

- Considering that it is necessary to have only one managing board to supervise and control all the automotive service of the Island (Chart 2), it is the opinion of this Hq to leave only the Automotive Directorate with the T/Os fixed by Ministry of War in agreement with the M.M.I.A. (Inclosure 3).

The Automotive Directorate would use its own personnel to govern the automobile traffic, and to check and despatch vehicles in possession of the military units in Sardinia.

In order to improve the functioning of the Automobile Directorate, an additional NCO and 1 driver should be added to its T/O.

- The Administration Office of the 13th Auto Park should be left to carry out the autonomous administration of the Park personnel; it should organize the Audit Office for the closing down of the previous accounting. It is not deemed wise to transfer the Audit Office to another agency since it is easier for the personnel at the place to perform their duties; we agree, on the other hand, that an officer of the Administration Branch be assigned to the Audit Office, assisted by civilian or military personnel.

- It is opportune that the fuel and lubricants service be subordinate to the Automotive Directorate; we deem that the distribution places at Nuoro and Oristano are no longer necessary considering the location of men and vehicles.

It is also opportune that 3 NCOs be appointed as consignors of the remaining 3 distribution places for the distribution and control services.

- We agree concerning the elimination of the External Work Section.

- Approval is given in regard to the 1st Mobile Park, and we would like to know the date on which it is to be detached from the 13th Park as well as the new location chosen in order to be nearer the port of embarkation.

- We approve the personnel and vehicles T/Os for the Automobile service and repairs in Sardinia as per inclosure A and B, and it is requested that the Director for the Automotive Directorate be a Senior Officer; in addition request is made for the assignment of 1 MCO and 1 driver to the unit and for 3 MCOs for the Fuel and Lubricant distribution places.

- Request will be submitted to the Ministry of War for the disbandment of the Reserve Vehicle Warehouse, which naturally will have to report the final status and consign the materials to a consignor (W.O.) who will be drawn from some unit on the island.

- The Administration office of the 13th Park will start to revise all the old matters concerning payments and collections; an officer of the Administration Branch will be assigned later on.

- Separate orders will be issued for the reduction of the Fuel and Lubricants office.

- Approval is given for the appointment of Captain SOLDATI Alfredo as Director of the 13th Auto Park, while for the final appointment of Major MARTELLIACCI Conrado as Director of the 1st Mobile Park, instructions are being awaited from Ministry of War concerning his discharge because of being overage.

THE CHIEF OF STAFF
Colonel Luigi Castellani
/s/ L. Castellani

APPENDIX No. 7

to letter No. 739/AUT of 1 Feb 1945
of the Automobile Directorate of CMS

This includes:

- copy of letter No. D/20/C-1 dated 14 January 1945 of 13th
Auto Park Directorate.
- copy of the report about the organization of the Automobile
Service in Sardinia.
- copy of inclosure A - B - C - D - E - F.

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13TH AUTO PARK
Directorate

No. D/PC/C

Abbassante, 14 Jan 1945

SUBJECT: Automobile and Repair Service.

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia.
Staff - Services APC 75/A.

Forwarded herewith is a report concerning the organization of the Automobile Service in Sardinia, which has been submitted by the EMIA to the Allied Supreme Command for approval and by the latter to General Aliberti.

Information on which the report is based was supplied by Major Hall who wanted this organization to be submitted for the consideration and approval of your Hq and for the necessary action to be taken for its execution.

THE TEMPORARY DIRECTOR OF THE PARK
Major Corrado Martellacci

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REPORT ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE AUTOMOBILE SERVICE IN SARDINIA

According to M.M.I.A. instructions, presented by Major HALL, the Automobile service in Sardinia, after the formation of the 1st Mobile Park, is to be organized as follows:

- 1) One Directorate or Automobile Office with the main task of de-requisitioning vehicles;
- 2) One Directorate or Automobile Transportation Office which will govern the automobile traffic, check and despatch vehicles in the possession of the military units in Sardinia;
- 3) An Auto Park in Abbasanta for the vigilance and control of the "Damage & Recovering Vehicle Park" of Paulilitino, Tanca Regia and Monti;
- 4) Three workshops for the repairing of vehicles in service in Sardinia, located as follows:
 - 1 at Abbasanta at the 13th Park.
 - 1 at Cagliari at the 13th Autieri Regt Depot.
 - 1 at Sassari allocated to the Calabria Division.

Vehicles in the respective areas are to be sent to these 3 workshops.

A total of 66 servicemen (drivers - officers included) are to be assigned to the four groups as indicated:

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| a) Directorate or Automobile Office | (1 Captain
1 driver - orderly) | with
CMS |
| b) Directorate or Auton. Transportation Office | (1 Captain
1 driver - orderly) | |
| c) 13th Park | 1 Captain
1 Junior Officer
9 NCOs
10 ORs | |
| d) Cagliari Workshop | (1 Officer - Director
1 NCO - Workshop master
4 Specialized military Personnel
2 drivers
1 Orderly | |
| e) Abbasanta Workshop | (1 officer - Director
1 NCO - Workshop master
7 specialized military personnel
3 Drivers
1 Orderly | 4867 |

- f. Calabria Div Workshops (1 NCO - Workshop master
(13 Military specialized personnel

Civilian specialized laborers will be assigned to the Abbasanta and Cagliari Workshops: 6 to the former and 9 to the latter.

The Automobile, Transportation and 13th Park Directorates can also make use of a civilian clerk to be assumed in accordance with instructions in force.

The following vehicles will be allocated:

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| - Directorate of Automobile Office | - 1 staff car |
| - Directorate of Automobile Transp. Office | - 1 staff car |
| - 13th Park Directorate | - 1 staff car |
| | 1 truck Spa L. 39 |
| | 1 truck Fiat 634 |
| - Abbasanta Workshop | - 1 truck Spa L. 39 |
| | 1 Salvage truck (wrecker) |
| | 1 truck Fiat 634 |
| - Cagliari Workshop | - 1 truck Spa L. 39 |
| | 1 Salvage truck (wrecker) |

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

At present, the T/O of the 13th Park includes an Administration Office which, besides managing the Park, provides for:

- Payment of bills for the S.I.B.
- Payment for fuel supply to C.I.P.
- Settlement of transportation for civilians, now performed by the Taxi Firm.
- Payment and collecting for the various automobile materials purchased or turned over to other agencies by the Park.

The monthly movement of the cash on hand is noteworthy, and it is not possible that the a/m tasks can be abruptly discontinued.

The transfer of such activity to another agency, and the formation of an Audit Office for the closing down of the actual accounts, is therefore necessary. A finance officer should be appointed to this office assisted by military or civilian personnel.

FUEL AND LUBRICANTS OFFICE

In addition, there exists the Fuel and Lubricants Office which is subordinated to the 13th Park for administration and discipline, while its importance has been cut down as a result of the reduction in number of operating vehicles in Sardinia, still has to manage the drawing from the C.I.P. of Fuel and lubricants needed for the actual services.

The same office is responsible for numerous empty barrels stored at the provisional Serrento and Tempio depots, which cannot be left unguarded.

On the other hand, there are at Nuoro, as well as Sassari, Macomer, Oristano, etc, units which have to be supplied with fuel, and consequently, it is not possible to eliminate said office which governs such supplies, nor is it possible to have all unit draw fuel directly from Cagliari.

Therefore, the following is recommended:

- 1) To consign to the Calabria Division the actual distribution place of Sassari for the supply of all units within said province.
- 2) To leave Nuoro as it is (Garrison Hq).
- 3) Allocate a distribution place at Bonifazi to the 13th Artillery Regt for Macomer and vicinity.
- 4) Entrust the distribution for the Oristano zone to the Oristano Garrison Hq.
- 5) Cagliari and vicinity will be supplied by the 13th Artillery Regt distribution station at Cagliari.

In this way, the distribution stations now controlled by the 13th Park of Sassari, Abbasanta and Siligua will be eliminated, leaving at Cagliari the aforementioned distribution station and the P.O.L. Office for the drawing of fuel from C.I.P. and for the consignment to the various agencies in charge of distribution.

The P.O.L. Office should be composed of:

- 1 officer (Captain)
- 1 1st Sgt
- 1 orderly - driver
- 2 drivers
- 2 civilian clerks

and the following vehicles should be allocated:

- 1 motorcycle with sidecar
- 1 Fiat 666 - gas truck with trailer

The evacuated depots, which are those of Sassari, Abbasanta, Torralba, and Siligua will be guarded by a permanent guard as well as the provisional ones of Serrento and Tempio.

The 13th Park and the Mobile Park will draw supplies directly from the Cagliari Office. (1)

T/O of the automotive service in Sardinia concerning both personnel and vehicles is shown in inclosures A) and B).

As a result of this final organization of the automotive repair service and due to the limited number of vehicles which will remain in Sardinia for the transportation service, the External Labor Service Organization becomes surplus and therefore any request of collaboration for repairing vehicles with the Fiat Sardinia organization will be discontinued by this Park.

In regard to vehicles being allocated to the automotive service in

Sardinia as per inclosure A), Major Hall will arrange that they be considered in addition to the established T/O.

1ST MOBILE PARK

The formation of a mobile workshop, designated 1st Mobile Park, planned by Major Hall and approved by General Aliberti, is in advanced stages so that it is not necessary to detach it from the 13th Park, providing for the formation of its T/O in regard to personnel and vehicles.

The Mobile Park organized so as to operate anywhere; has in addition to complete machinery for all types of work, a spare parts, tires, and fuel warehouse, a transportation and salvage section, the regimental section with its clothing, equipment and food warehouses, it has kitchens for officers and enlisted men, tent facilities, mobile messes and offices, mobile water tanks, ambulances, etc. so that it can be autonomous anywhere.

T/O for personnel and vehicles is indicated in appendices C) & D).

In regard to the above, your Hq is requested:

1) To approve the T/O for personnel and vehicles for the automotive and repair services as per inclosures A & B and consequently:

a) to order the disbandment of the reserve vehicles warehouse, which will submit the final status of materials and will consign it to another consignee;

b) to order the disbandment of the Administrative Office of the 13th Park and the transfer to another agency of all the matters concerning Payments and collections for which it was responsible;

c) to order the reduction of the P.O.L. Office.

2) To approve the T/O of the 1st Mobile Park, both for personnel and for vehicles as per inclosures C) and D);

3) To detach the mobile park from the 13th Park, considering it as an autonomous unit, with the task of continuing the repairing of vehicles (about 800), drawing the vehicles to be repaired and the spare parts necessary for the repairs from the 13th Park.

4) Confirm Major Hall's proposal concerning the appointment of Captain Soldati, consignee of the Reserve Vehicles Warehouse, as Director of the 13th Park and the undersigned as Director of the 1st Mobile Park.

Surplus personnel is shown in appendix E), which includes personnel available, personnel on convalescent leave awaiting shipment and hospitalized personnel.

In addition, personnel assigned to this Park and attached to the Postto Auto Park are shown in appendix E).

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This personnel which is not to be left in Sardinia, will be released as soon as said Auto Park completes its task.

You are informed that the available personnel as per appendix B) cannot be released by the Park until such time as both the 13th and the Mobile Park will have their organization completed.

(1) P.O.I. Office is to be fully subordinated to the Directorate or Automotive Transport Office at G.M.S., replacing the office now existing with the Automotive Directorate for the supply of fuel to units on the island.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE PARK
Major Corrado Martellacci

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Italian Army Transport.

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

2/5
27 June 1945.

All M. M. I. A. E. Os.
Transport Control Officers.

1. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a summary of the transport and recovery and repair facilities available to the Territorial Commands.

Details of the civilian workshops to be engaged on Army repairs in the North are being worked out and will be notified when complete.

The mobile workshops (Parks) at present located at BANI and MARLES are to be made available to overhaul non-runners at vehicle collection centres in the North.

2. As soon as Territorial Commands Nos. 1 - 7 inclusive can obtain possession of Italian Army vehicles they are authorised to allocate these to the M. M. I. A. E. Os. Coy.

These days, are provided to meet the many local demands for transport on a pool basis, this being the most economical method. L. Os. should satisfy themselves that vehicles are being used only for legitimate military tasks and with due regard to economy.

3. As soon as the Admin. Tpt. Coys. are completed, surplus vehicles are to be sent to the nearest Efficient Vehicle Park (E.V.P.) in accordance with this R.O. letter Q/5 dated 15 June 1945. These should be adequately protected and the vehicles maintained in readiness for the road. Holdings are notified to this R.O. by the War Ministry and issues controlled by M. M. I. A. E. Os.

4. It is urgently necessary to transfer vehicles from the North to B. F. S. Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

the mobile workshops (parks) at present located at BMT and NMTS may be made available to overhaul non-runners at vehicle collection centres in the North.

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4. It is urgently necessary to transfer vehicles from the North to S.V.Ps. Nos. 1, 2, and 3, where stocks are potentially non-existent.

L.Os. should, therefore, assist Territorial H.Q. to recover vehicles from unauthorised holders in the North and thus increase availability in S.V.Ps. Nos. 6 and 7.

5. No demands to complete unit's W.E. should be made - except for vehicles to replace R.I.P. Units will be made up to strength by this H.Q. on basis of figures shown in their monthly vehicle return, when available. 4862

Many units retain U/S vehicles and endeavour to effect their own repairs with spare parts obtained by local purchase.

In many cases this results in the vehicle being off the road much longer than if the correct procedure was followed.

Unit maintenance only is required of Unit personnel. All spares and types are strictly controlled and vehicles off the road should be evacuated at once to the nearest Repair Unit.

The Repair Units have had to face many difficulties in the early stages of their introduction.

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These findings have gone into improving the workshop facilities. However, insufficient skilled labour has been difficult to obtain and retain. Production was, however, encouraging and as Appendix 'B' are given statistics which reflect the effort made.

Availability for individual Units to have an authorised holding of vehicles and/or for existing I.I. holdings to be increased, should be referred to the Ministry through Italian channels.

Control is exercised by the identification of each vehicle by a registered and numbered windshield label. South of the Northern boundary Rome Armistice Command, military vehicles on the road without a label are impounded.

It is early days but some progress will be evident in the Northern War-Surrender Command.

As of 1.1.40, 5,438 windshield labels have been issued, of which 300 have been cancelled leaving 5,138 registered vehicles in circulation. The label is cancelled when a vehicle is R.V.R. and a new one issued before the vehicle leaves an R.V.R. after reconditioning.

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At present, R.V.R. units obtain P.O.L. from C.T.F. against monthly allocations made to the various units by L.P.H. 3. For C.C. R.A.A.C. units and R.V.R. service troops and R.V.R. Combat Groups obtain P.O.L. from the R.V.R. Command.

It is intended that Combat Groups shall eventually obtain their requirements from C.T.F. in the same way that R.V.R. units do at present. It will be necessary to give attention to the fact that a new system will come into operation. R.V.R. and R.V.R. Service troops will probably continue to come from Italian Military Service until they are disbanded.

The Central R.V.R. Stores Depot in Rome is functioning and repairs should be encouraged to make full use of it. If tyres and/or spares required to repair a vehicle are not available at the Repair Unit or in the R.V.R. Command, these should be forwarded immediately.

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At present, III-III units obtain P.C.I. from C.I.E. against various allocations made to the various units by A.P.M. Pub. Geo. R.A.A.C. and III-III units obtain P.C.I. from C.I.E. from the various units.

It is anticipated that the III-III units will eventually obtain their requirements from C.I.E. in the same way that III-III units do at present. It will be required to determine the facts as to the new system will come into operation. III-III and III-III Service Groups will probably continue to come from the III-III units until they are satisfied.

The Central M.E. Stores Depot in Rome is functioning and repairs should be encouraged to make full use of it. If types and/or spares required to repair a vehicle are not available at the Repair Unit or in the Independent Vehicle Park, these should be forwarded immediately.

These items should always be sent by the Repair Unit to the Director of Repair of the Repaired H.Q. for forwarding and transmission to the Central Stores.

Other stores will be established in the North convenient adjacent to a working Repair Unit.

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The trucks have been obtained from Italian trucks (captured
during the war) in Italy, and they are being used in Italy. It
is expected that they will be used in Italy for some time.

Good repair facilities in factories under A.C. control are to
be established when sufficient raw materials can be obtained and it is hoped
the Army will be able to produce a proportion of newly manufactured trucks in
the future.

In an interim measure, authority is sought for the issue
of a limited number of trucks from Allied sources.

The Italian Army can no longer expect to be supplied with
 Allied vehicles and it is essential that it shall become self-supporting
 as far as possible with the minimum of delay.

A large number of Allied vehicles have still to be replaced
 and the need for quick delivery and the maintenance of a reduced number
 of captured vehicles must not be forgotten in the meantime.

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R. A. GUNTER Lt. Col.
For Major W. H. H.
Lt. Col. H. H.

Information: British.

and the need for similar security and the consequences of a breach of security
of authorized vehicles and not to, the extent of the interest in all concerned.

W. H. H. H.

P. A. CHURCH, Lt. Col.
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97	1945	No. 97	
98	1945	No. 98	
99	1945	No. 99	
100	1945	No. 100	

VEHICLE REPAIRS STATISTICS.

REPAIRS UNIT	PERIOD	REPAIRED AND RE-USED VEHICLES	RE-USED VEHICLES
No. 1. REPAIR	April 20 to June 22	300	
No. 2. REPAIR	April 20 to June 22	194	
No. 3. REPAIR	April 20 to June 22	150	
No. 4. REPAIR	May 18 to May 25		Returned to not
No. 5. REPAIR	May 11 to June 22	200	
No. 6. REPAIR	May 18 to May 25	200	
AUX. REPAIR & REPAIR UNIT REPAIR	June 8 to June 22	100	
No. 7. Mobile Park &	June 10 to June 22	100	
No. 8. Mobile Park	May 18 to June 22	150	
In SIGHT REPAIR arrangements of Terr. Repairs Directorate	May 18 to June 8 OO	58	
TOTAL		1,193	

+ Includes intake of Vehicles by sea from SARDINIA & These Workshops

Appendix 'B'REPAIRS STATISTICS.

REPAIRED AND RETURNED TO UNITS	REPAIRED AND SENT TO STATIONARY WORKSHOPS	TOTAL
301	195	496
181	138 +	319
17	50	215
Returns not complete		
2	7	9
10	4	52
3	1	6
14	-	14
155	28	161
38	-	38
1,193	411	1,604

from SARDINIA 6 These Workshops just opening.

Subject: cars for the High Commissariat for SARDINIA.

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

C/S.

25 June 45.

To:- Ministry of War.

Reference your 6/5452/Serv di prot. dated 15 June 45.

The transfer to the High Commissioner of the two cars in question is approved.

Instructions will be issued by you that targa numbers and all military markings are to be removed and that henceforth no petrol, tyres or maintenance will be authorised from military resources.

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

Copy: LO SARDINIA (Ref minute of 29 May 45 attached)

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MESSAGE FILE

DATE/TIME
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FROM : R.E.L.A.

TO : THE DIRECTOR

INFO : DE-THRE FOR DATA TO
FINANCIAL CITY CHARGED FOR DATA TO THE GROUP

REF : 0.376

RECORDED

CHARGE DISCOUNT F RANCE 300 (.) ITALIAN ARMY VETERANS WILL
 BE RETURNED TO NO. 5 REPAIR UNIT FOR ISSUE RELAYED TO NO. 4
 INVESTMENT VEHICLE PARK (.) REPORT NUMBER AND TIME GIVING
 TACCA NUMBER

INFORMATION

ADMINISTRATION

RECEIVED R.E.L.A.
 S.T.

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Subject:- Italian Army M.T.

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

9/5

22 June 1945.

To:- Ministry of War.

491 Further to this H.Q. letter 9/5 dated 21 June; in reply to 1/2621/Env dated 15 June 45.

1. The present policy that all existing Italian Army transport is to be fully utilized to make good deficiencies in establishment and to release Allied vehicles is unchanged.

2. It is estimated that the number of Class 3 and Class 4 vehicles held in Inefficient Parks is as under -

Location	M/O Class		Engn/Veh Class		Load/Carr Class	
	3	4	3	4	3	4
ROME	-	-	20	180	170	200
NAPLES	250	190	10	50	260	420
BARI	25	35	75	90	165	140
CATANZARO	80	30	20	10	130	110
PALERMO	30	20	-	20	120	40
MESSINA	-	100	10	75	-	220
TOTAL	385	375	135	425	945	1130

3. While it is to be hoped that the new spare parts held by the Central stores depot will soon be augmented by spares recovered from factories in the North; it is not desirable to dispose of the potentially valuable reserve of spares from the Class 4 vehicles listed above.

On the contrary the work of reconditioning the Class 3 Vehicles with material obtained from Class 4 vehicles should be pressed on with all speed.

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4. Nevertheless, it is agreed that many vehicles now held in the vicinity of Army workshops are of little further use to the Army and could with advantage be disposed of to civilians.

You should, therefore, instruct the Repairs Directorate of the Territorial H.Q. concerned to submit lists of such vehicles on the proforma attached at Appendix 'A'.

5. You list the Ministry in the sale of these vehicles and in order to ensure they come into the possession of those persons who can best contribute to the needs of the civilian community, the lists will be passed by M.M.I.A. to A.C. (Transportation Sub Committee).

The latter will thus be offered the opportunity of nominating the firms with which the Ministry can negotiate sale.

6. The steps now being taken to acquire serviceable Army vehicles, spare parts and tyres in the North should not in any way lead to any diminution of the effort being made by the Repairs Directorate to recondition vehicles in Army workshops in the South.

As the Italian Army transport situation improves, however, the number and quality of vehicles that may be offered to the civilian market should increase.

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

Copy: A.C. (for Transportation Sub Comm)
G.T.
S.M.M.I.

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Appendix 'A' to O/5
dated 22 June 45.

Application for Army Vehicles
declared obsolete to be struck off strength
and disposed off.

1.

Serial No.	Description and type of vehicle	Remarks.

2. The above vehicle(s) has/have been inspected. I recommend they be disposed
as of no further value to the Army.

M. M. I. A.
Transport Control Officer.

3. A.C. (Transportation Sub Comm)

Offered for sale by War Ministry.

Request early return with recommendations as to purchaser.

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

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Subject: MT of Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
2/5

2 June 1945

To: Ministry of War.

Reference is made to your letter of 16 June 45 under reference
N. 1/2621/Serv di prot.

1. The value of all the vehicles captured from the Germans in North Italy is fully appreciated by the Allied Comd. Extensive steps are now being taken to take a census of all the captured vehs and stores in the North and special instructions are being issued by the Allied Comd. covering the use of captured vehs of Italian Army origin.
2. The first use of Italian MT captured from the Germans will be to replace the large quantity of Allied transport now being used to maintain the Italian Army. The needs given in paragraph 2 (b) of your letter are not understood as movement of refugees from the Balkans is not an Italian Army responsibility.
3. Special arrangements are being made with regard to the disposal of unrepairable vehs and will be the subject of a separate letter.

FJH/ls

Major-General
M. M. I. A.

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subject:- M.T. Material.

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

Q/5

20 June 45.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference your 5/5667/Serv
dated 18th June, 1945.

The question of disposing of
available motor vehicles and tyres manufactured
in the North is under consideration.

The requirements of the Italian
Army have not been overlooked and you will be
informed when any new material can be released.

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

Copy:- R.E.M.E.

RAC/fem

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A dark, textured surface, possibly a book cover or endpaper, showing signs of wear and discoloration. The texture is grainy and uneven, with some lighter patches and darker areas, suggesting age and handling. There are no discernible patterns or text.

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see 494,

- 2) - authorisation to release from Fiat:
 - 50 cars type 1100
 - 25 cars type 1500

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Sgt. RONCO

O. Danin Cpl.

O. Danin Cpl.

TRANSLATION

F.L.M.: Ministry of War

REF: 1/2621/Serv.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 16 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Vehicles of the Italian Armed Forces.

- 1) - In letter ST/18001 dated 20 April 1945, M.M.I.A. stated the point of view of the Allied Supreme Command regarding the employment, usefulness, and ownership, of the vehicles of the Italian Armed Forces.

With the cessation of hostilities and the consequent recovery of an appreciable number of Italian military vehicles, partly already carried ^{out} and partly being carried out, in Northern Italy, the problem merits, in the general framework of the prevailing situation and the relative transport requirements, an early examination to arrive at a settlement, even if only gradual.

- 2) - It appears that an appreciable number of Italian vehicles, captured during operations from German and Fascist troops, are parked in various areas of Northern Italy, unused. The

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captured during operations from German and Fascist troops,
are parked in various areas of Northern Italy, unused. The
larger part of these vehicles carry German Army number plates
even though they are of Italian manufacture.

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We are concerned with a precious material which, for the
extent to which it can be guarded, and practically without
maintenance, is subject to inevitable spoilage, ^{48,49} tampering.

As against that, as is undoubtedly known to M.M.I.A., there
exists, both in the civilian and military spheres, a serious
transport crisis in the vital requirements of the nation and
the armed forces, which paralyses and blocks all the problems
of reorganisation and settlement which affect the recommencing
of the life and activities of the nation, already seriously
incapacitated in all its sectors and particularly in that
of land and sea communications.

SEE 697

In the framework of military requirements there are additional prevailing problems to be solved, in the face of which a good spirit and moral and physical interest find continual obstacles in the scarcity and inadequacy of the available means.

There are for example:

- a) - needs for the recovery and transport of military materials which are scattered about everywhere and on which the utmost reliance is placed to satisfy the units requirements;
- b) - needs in respect of the activities of the units which are only carried out today after overcoming great difficulties;
- b) - needs in respect of the transport and movement of troops to be discharged, whether in the army or repatriated from P.O.W. or the Balkan theatre; troops who must proceed on long periods of convalescent leave; troops who have not seen their families for many years and are stricken with serious family troubles.

3) - Under these circumstances I submit the necessity to

= carry out as soon as possible a census and classification of Italian origin which has been captured or is

P.O.W. or the Balkan theatre; troops who must proceed on long periods of convalescent leave; troops who have not seen their families for many years and are stricken with serious family troubles.

3) - Under these circumstances I submit the necessity to

= carry out as soon as possible a census and classification of all M.T. of Italian origin which has been captured or is in any way recoverable, including ~~that~~ ^{with} German number plates, with the intention of using ~~them~~ ^{it} promptly to meet Italian military needs and storing the surplus, as stock, in efficient vehicle parks;

= revise and amplify the war establishments of ^{the} ~~the~~ administrative transport companies of the Military Territorial Commands of Northern Italy and the Military Territorial Commands of Rome, Naples, and Palermo, upon which weigh the heaviest responsibilities.

= increase the assignment of vehicles to the Recovery Commission in proportion to the size and importance of the tasks entrusted to them;

= assign to the Ministry of War a more proportionate vehicle

detachment to enable it to meet the increased requirements of the Central Administration in view of the liberation of the whole of the national territory.

4) - I submit finally, in the framework of the needs of the country, the necessity of selling to civilians, with the consequent benefit to the country and indirect advantage to the Army, not only the scraps of M.T. material held in wrecked vehicle parks (instructions which M.M.I.A. have already kindly examined) but also vehicles in need of large repairs (3rd class) and the restoration of which, in view of their overwhelming numbers, is physically impossible to provide for with the military workshops which are practically entirely employed on repairs of the 1st. and 2nd. class.

In this respect it is added that the idea of considering the problem of spare parts as pre-eminent and of subordinating the sale of derelict and wrecked vehicles to the utilisation of their parts does not today appear to be so important, insofar as, now that the country has been liberated, the possibility exists of the Army being supplied directly by the industries, in addition to ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ utilising what has already been recovered in the method just mentioned.

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I have pointed out some ~~xxxx~~ elements of the vast problem which I consider must be solved, and hope for the understanding of M.M.I.A.

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Should they be considered necessary, more precise details can afterwards be obtained from the S.M.R.E. in agreement with the Artillery and M.T. Directorate General.

Sgd. CASATI

Minister.

O. Danin Cpl.

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Subject: Vehicles for BR-ITI Service Troops.

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

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16 June 1945

To: AFHQ for 3(AS)

1. A proportion of the transport used by "BR-ITI" Service troops in this theatre is supplied by the Br Army, augmented by Italian Army vehicles.
2. Up till the present, when such Br vehs became beyond local repair, they were evacuated, and demands for replacement submitted to the Br Formations by whom the BR-ITI Service troops concerned were employed. It is now reported that British Formations have been instructed not to issue any further Br vehicles as replacements to BR-ITIS, and that any future replacements will have to be found from Italian Army vehicles.
3. No new vehicles or spares of Italian Army type are at present being manufactured, and the only source of supply is the recovery and repair of vehicles in the hands of unauthorised persons both in the South and North of Italy. The number of serviceable vehicles which can be produced in this way is at present insufficient to complete existing BR-ITI War Establishments and provide replacements for BR-ITI vehicles which are evacuated. The greater part of any BR transport recovered in the North will be absorbed in this way.
4. It is therefore not possible to replace Br transport used by BR-ITIS with Italian Army transport, and it is requested that you give a decision as to whether such transport may continue to be replaced, when beyond local repair, by Br vehicles, or whether a gradually diminishing vehicle population is acceptable by the Br Formations for whom such troops are working.

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P. J. MOORE, Col.
For Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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RAC

Subject: Recovery and assignment of Italian Army
Vehicles in the North.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Q/5

ROME.

18 June 45.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference this H.C. letter Q/5 of 12 May 45.

1. Owing to the impending formation of Nos. 1, 4, and 5 Admin Tpt. Coy., revised instructions are issued at Appendix 'A' attached, showing the units to which recovered Italian Army Vehicles will be assigned, until the authorised WE/TO of each unit is completed (Col (ii)). In column (iii) is shown the Efficient Vehicle Park to which any vehicles will be sent which remain after the Admin. Tpt. Coys. concerned have been brought up to strength.
2. Separate instructions will be issued regarding the formation of the three new Admin. Tpt. Coys. referred to above. Meanwhile, any vehicles recovered in the BOLZANO and UDINE territories may be retained by these two territorial commands, and held in the names of Nos. 4 and 5 Admin. Tpt. Coys. respectively. The contents of this paragraph will not be taken as over-ruling Eighth Army's restrictions forwarded to you under cover M.M.I.A. letter SD/34 dated 29 May 45.
3. You are requested to keep this HQ informed of the

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3. You are requested to keep this HQ informed of the progress made in receiving vehicles, and forward lists showing target numbers of such vehicles as soon as possible, as set out in Appendix 'C' (part 1) to the above quoted letter. Since provision has now been made for a transport Coy. to serve each territorial command, requests to assign vehicles to other individual units will not now be entertained, and part 'B' of the above mentioned Appendix 'C' will therefore be disregarded.

F. J. Noval *Letter 492*
M. J. NOAKES, Colonel. ~~4945~~
for Major General.
M.I.I.A.

SEE 517.

COPY: All L.Os.

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Territorial HQ
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DISPOSAL OF RECOVERED ITI

		(II) Units to which all vehicles recovered in the territory will be assigned until WF/TO is completed.
(a)	BOLOGNA	No. 6 Admin. Tpt. Coy.
(b)	GENOA	No. 2 Admin. Tpt. Coy.
(c)	TURIN	No. 1 Admin. Tpt. Coy. #
(d)	MILAN	No. 3 Admin. Tpt. Coy.
(e)	BOLZANO	No. 4 Admin. Tpt. Coy. #
(f)	UDINE	No. 5 Admin. Tpt. Coy. #

Appendix "A"

DISPOSAL OF RECOVERED ITI VEHICLES

(II) Units to which all vehicles covered in the territory will be assigned until WE/TO completed.	(III) Units to which any vehicles in excess of those mentioned in Col II will be sent.	REMARKS (IV)
No. 6 Admin. Tpt. Coy.	No. 7 E.V. Park (MILAN)	=
No. 2 Admin. Tpt. Coy.	No. 6 E.V. Park (TURIN)	=
No. 1 Admin. Tpt. Coy. #	No. 6 E.V. Park	# on its arrival in Turin. Prior to the arrival of this unit any vehicle recovered will be taken on the WE/TO of No. 2 Admin. Tpt. Coy. Genoa.
No. 3 Admin. Tpt. Coy.	No. 7 E.V. Park	=
No. 4 Admin. Tpt. Coy. #	Will form the subject of a separate instruc- tion	# on its arrival in Bolzano.
No. 5 Admin. Tpt. Coy. #	as above	# on its arrival in Véne.

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Subject: Monthly Census of Vehicles and other
Warlike Stores.

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

15 June 1945

To: Ministry of War.

1. All Italian Units are required to render a census return of all British vehicles and Warlike Stores held in their possession.
2. You are requested to instruct all units who use any British vehicles or British equipment to contact their respective British Commands who will inform them as to details of the Census return required.

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

Copy to: AFHQ for Q/AR.

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Subject: Monthly Census of Vehicles.

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

18 June 1945

To: AFHQ for Q/AR.

Reference AFHQ/6510/4/Q(AR) of 6 Jun 45.

1. The difficulties of the staff control of Br vehs loaned to Italian Units under Br Comd is fully appreciated.
2. NO Br vehs have been charged up to the Italian Government and there are no Br vehs which are the property of the Italian Government. The only way these Italian Units can use a Br veh is for the veh to be loaned by the Br parent unit. In the Combat Groups the BLU can ensure the Census Return is made but it cannot be too strongly emphasised that these small Italian Units, many with no English speakers, are quite incapable of rendering any such return. The Br Unit under whom the Italian Unit is working and under whose comd it has been placed must take the responsibility of obtaining the Census Return and getting it to the correct Br Authorities.
3. The Ministry of War has been requested to order all Italian Units to get in touch with their Br Comd on this point.
4. The following Units appear on your list but which do not in fact exist:-

115 Mob. Dental Unit
116 " " "
117 " " "
318 " " "
319 " " "
52 Iner 721 Asst. Workshops Coy.
40 Waterman Coy.
822 Iner Mountain Warfare School
ITI Adm Iner HQ 86 Area
64 Postal Section
79 Postal Section

Information postponed

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Disbanded

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Never Formed

Part of Cremona Gruppo

Part of Friuli Gruppo.

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F. J. [Signature], Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Subject : Disposal of Italian Army Vehicles.

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

Q/5

8 June, 1945.

To : War Ministry.

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1. Reference your 114/22/17598 1st June 45. There is no objection to the War Ministry assisting the individual in question, being a badly disabled army officer, to obtain means of transportation. It is most desirable that such an individual should be given every advantage as compared with speculative civilians endeavouring to obtain army salvage for their own personal gain. The selection of a suitable vehicle and the transfer of ownership may be arranged by you subject only to the conditions laid down in this H.Q. letter No. Q/5/10 dated 7 May 45.

R.A.

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

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(478)

Subject:- Vehicles in use by High Commissioner for Sardinia.

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

Q/5
4 June 45.

To:

Ministry of War.
for Ufficio Servizi S.M.R.E.

1. Attached copy of a letter from Sardinia Territorial Office.
2. You are requested to forward to this HQ your recommendation as to the disposal of the two vehicles in question and whether other vehicles on the mainland can be made available as replacements.

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

RAC/fem

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COPY

SARDINIA TERRITORIAL OFFICE
Services Section

No. 3224/AUT

APD 75/A 21 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Vehicles Used by the Office of the High Commissioner
for Sardinia.

TO : M.M.I.A.

CAGLIARI

1. Italian Ministry of War since December 1944 ordered the final release to the Office of High Commissioner for Sardinia for staff cars Lancia Astura - License RE 02608 and Fiat 1100 - License RE 35701.
2. Said vehicles are not in possession of the windshield label for the free traffic.
3. The matter concerning the release in question hasn't been cleared so far, so that said vehicles, still with R. Army license plates, are property of R. Army.
4. Since instructions recently issued by MMIA order the recovering and the turning in to the 14th Repair Units of Abbasanta of all R. Army vehicles not properly authorized to operate, I am asking if the staff cars as per para. 1 above are still to be left at the disposal of Office of High Commissioner for Sardinia. If so, the release of the special authorization is required.

30 May 45.

BRIGADIER GENERAL
G.M. Scalabrino
/s/ Scalabrino

1st Ind.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA) APO 394 US ARMY 29 May 45.

TO: G.O.C. Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

1. Reference basic communication.
2. Will you kindly advise whether or not the High Commissioner is to retain the two (2) Italian Army vehicles now in his possession. If the High Commissioner is to retain these vehicles, please advise whether on a permanent or temporary loan basis.

LESTER R. ALBERT
Lt. Col. Infantry Senior Liaison Officer

OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA
TO : 5 ARMY
INFO: 15 ARMY GP
RAAC
REF : SD 2734

Date Time
02 1200B

SECRET

FOR MMIA LO (.)
REQUEST YOU OBTAIN AUTHORITY FOR MOVE OF
24 RECOVERY UNIT TO LEAVE
ROME 5 JUN FOR BOLZANO (.)
STRENGTH 6 OFFERS 16 ORS 4 VEHs

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED [Signature]

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Subject:- Italian Army Transport.

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

Q/5

2 June 45.

To:-

Ministry of War.

469/11. STH Jackson

Reference your letter 1/2337/SERV dated 25 May 45.

Attention is drawn to our letter Q/5 dated 17 May 45.

The seizure of Army Vehicles not registered and labelled should at present be ~~applied~~ to the whole of Southern Italy, including Sicily and Sardinia, up to and including the northern boundary of Rome Territorial Command. 459.

Your amended instructions are to the effect that recovery is limited to the territory under the jurisdiction of Rome Territorial Command.

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

RAC/FEM

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Translation *Q/S* *file*

From : MOW
To : MMIA
Subject : Issue of Italian Military Vehicles.

Ref. : 18064
Date : June 1, 1945

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1. The Rag. GRILLI Adamo firm of Naples has purchased some M.T. materials, which are at the Torre Annunziata Vehicles Salvage Depot, from the Hq. 21 Salvage Depot. A copy of the contract (21 Hq. SAL/LS/1) has been enclosed.

2. As a large part of the materials in question formerly belonged to the Italian Army, please confirm or reject the issue in order that this Directorate General may recover the vehicles.

(Sgd) Gen. Russo

Cpl VDS
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