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SUBJECT :- Transfer of Vehicles to Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comd A.A. (MEDA)
ROME
Tel : Rome 489061 Ext 526

2/5

25 Oct 43

To :- War Ministry.

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1. Further to this office letter 2/5/10 of 25 October, the transfers of vehicles referred to therein should be handled as follows :-

(a) Initial Handover.

On receipt of information showing the areas in which each batch of vehicles will be made available, you will agree with the Ministry of Transport, this HQ, the local Territorial Comd and the ITALIA LO attached thereto on a suitable site in which the vehicles are to be handed over. The Territorial HQ will be responsible for taking over the vehicles on this site, for the temporary provision of guards, and for a detachment of the Repair Unit to segregate any inefficient vehicles (or vehicles handed over for cannibalisation) and arrange for the transfer of such vehicles to the local Repair Unit.

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(b) On completion of the handover.

(i) The Territorial Comd will give the Ministry of War (GSTR and Directorate General of Artillery and Motorisation) particulars in respect of all vehicles taken over, and apply for a " block " of new BE targe nos for the vehicles in question.

(ii) All inefficient vehicles will be transferred to the nearest Efficient Vehicle Park, who will be responsible for obliterating the original markings, substituting the new targe nos referred to above, and informing the Ministry of War, S.T.R.E. 4973 through the appropriate Territorial Comd, of the numbers completed and ready for issue. Vehicles will not be shown as available for issue until the new military targe numbers have been painted on them, and the new targe nos will not be painted onto any vehicles unless they are efficient.
Territorial Commands should be instructed to attach, temporarily, to the E.V.Ps concerned, personnel from their respective Repair Unit, in order to expedite this work.
It is most important that E.V.Ps should clearly distinguish in their daily telegrammes to S.T.R.E., Ministry of War, between vehicles of Italian and those of Allied Manufacture.

(c) Releases in respect of all Allied type vehicles will be controlled by Ministry of War S.T.R.E. in conjunction with this HQ, irrespective

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of the E.V.P. in which such vehicles are held.

2. Since the number of vehicles which will be taken over are likely to exceed existing vehicle deficiencies by a large margin, it is intended eventually to transfer vehicles of Allied manufacture from the various Efficient Vehicle Parks in which they will initially be held and centralise them in two or three Parks only. With this in view, you are requested to advise Nos 3 and 4 Territorial Commands that they should immediately review the sites of No 7 and 6 E.V.Ps. at WILLIN and WARONA respectively, and take all necessary steps to ensure that these parks are each capable of housing at least 600 vehicles. Should the existing sites be unsuitable, energetic steps should be taken to find new ones of the size required.

A.B. Sandeman
for Major General,
A.A.A.

WMS/sg

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for Major General,
...I.A.

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Subject: Re-equipping of CC.RR

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)

2/5/7

30 Oct 45

TO : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission

6/7-23

Reference your B255/AC of 27 Oct 45, above subject.

1. The equipping of the CC.RR with suitable vehicles awaits the implementation of the " compromise" agreement providing for the transfer of Allied vehicles from the Ministry of Transport to the War Ministry in lieu of Army vehicles retained by civilians under AC/AMG control. The compromise agreement provided that a considerable number of vehicles would be turned over to the Army by 29 October 1945 (none of which have been received) and a further turn over of 500 per month beginning 1 November 1945. When these vehicles are received by the Minister for War, he will make allocation to the CC.RR.

2. The issue of new weapons depends upon the action of AFHQ on request made to release automatic weapons (C.E.M.) in the Breda factory. AC and MMIA have put this matter up to AFHQ, but no decision has been received.

3. We discussed the above personally today.

L. Browning

Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: C/S
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NOTES ON C.E.M. SITUATION :

1. - C.E.M.

New A.F.H.Q. Directive of 2 October 1945.
M.M.I.A. letter of 8 October 1945.
Executive Commissioner Conference of 23 October told that instructions had gone out. No copy to M.M.I.A., not traceable in A.C. Latest information to day is that a draft is still circulating in A.C.
Thus no A.C. orders have gone out yet ref. A.F.H.Q. orders of 2 Oct.

Result

a.g. Bolzano dump still frozen illegally and melting.
Probably other outstation A.C. officials still do not know orders.

2. - Compromise - MT.

Delivery due to start 29 October has not started (153 & 500 p m)
Full information on details of MT. authorised by A.M.G. to be used by civilians still not coming in properly.
Protest by M.M.I.A. met by letter from Transportation Sub Commission to say that M.M.I.A. should find out this (Lush talk).
I am disturbed as to whether this MT. will be forthcoming.
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G.O.C. mentioned the above at the Chief Commissioner's conference on 31 October.
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Subject: Recreational Transport - Italian Personnel. 595

Land Forces Sub-Comm A.F.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

A 246

26 Oct. '45.

To : Commandant,
Depot & Trg. Establishment,
C.M.F.

NT

Reference your IT/D/2 dated 17 Oct 45.

1. GRO 223/45 does not apply to Italian Military.

2. It is understood, however, that SR-ITIS and the Italian Group are allowed recreational transport.

R.E. Hector

R.E. HECTOR, S/Captain.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Sale of Italian Army Vehicles to Civilians.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
Q/5
24 October, 1945.

To:-

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

Reference this Headquarters Q/5-3 dated 15 Aug 45 - copy attached.

A total of 67 Italian Army vehicles have been acquired by Mr. Grillo Adimo. The War Ministry have been requested to defer recovery action on these vehicles which were handed over to this civilian in error, and have been accepted by him in good faith.

In order that the matter may be finally closed, it is desired to inform the War Ministry that some compensation in kind will be made.

Your approval is therefore requested for the release of an equivalent number of captured German vehicles.

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

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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.

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

1. In addition to the vehicles listed at Appendix '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. GHILLO 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.

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

RAC/ex

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Appendix 'A' to letter O/S-3 dated 14 Aug 45.

Make	Type	Chassis No.	Engine No.	Target No.
Fiat	626N	R3NF002645	002834	NA 33561
Spa	38	016677	021070	NA 33375
Lancia	3 RO	3263	3308	BN 2637
Isotta	Fr.	3584	3584	NA 33719
Lancia	3 RO	3253	3389	BN 2659
Fiat	626N	000041	000050	NA 33521
Spa	38	022049	010084	NA 33529
CM	Taurus	21983	21983	AV 3791
CM	Taurus	21375	21375	SA 6801
Spa	25010	18041	10-8604	NA 33754
Lancia	3 RO	3203	3460	BN 2768
Cierano	500	9769	2516	NA 33767
Lancia	3 RO	464-591	102-11700	NA 33797
Lancia	3 RO	564-6081	102-3441	BN 2681
Lancia	RO	364-2421	1451 •	NA 33766
Fiat	618	000454	006354	NA 33811
Isotta	D.80	3246	3246	NA 34032
CM	3 BCD	0390	0390	NA 33869
Spa	39 L	42583	12568	NA 33906
Spa	38	36954	010562	SA 6929

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Spa	39 L	42583	12868	NA 33906
Spa	38	56954	010562	SA 6929
Fiat	621	31124	31125	NA 34031
Spa	39 L	51449	21077	CZ 3959
Ceirano	500	24681	4617	SA 6910
Lancia	626	001452	005303	
Spa	39L	42511		
OM	Ursus	1217	1212	NA 33998
Spa	39	48748	17941	
Ceirano	500			4966
Fiat	262	001423	005323	NA 35090
Ceirano	500	25999	5073	NA 35215
Spa	38	011949	015338	NA 33302
Moto	Guzzi	26045	33912	NA 3412

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SUBJECT : Italian Army Transport

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
Q/5/1
15 August 1945

TO : War Ministry

Copy to: M.M.I.A. LO. - Naples
M.M.I.A. LO. - Naples (for Maj.GRILLO)

Reference this HQ Q/5 of 21 Jul. and your 15353 of 24 July 1945.

1. In addition to vehicles listed at Appendix "A" of Q/5 of 11 Aug it has been confirmed that Mr. GRILLO ADAMO has legally obtained the vehicles now listed at attached Appendix "a" from British Salvage sources.

2. These vehicles should therefore not be seized until futher instruction. Confirm that this action has been taken.

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

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

RAC/rm

Additional copy handed Grillo Adamo on 23 Oct 45

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Appendix "A" to letter O/5-1
O/_ dated 14 Aug 1945

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Lancia	3RO	3263	3308	BN 2637
Isotta	Fr.	3584	3584	NA 33719
Lancia	3RO	3233	3389	BN 2659
Fiat	626N	000041	000050	NA 33521
Spa	38	022049	010084	NA 33529
OM	Taurus	21983	21983	AV 3791
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Spa	25010	18041	10 - 8604	NA 33754
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SUBJECT : Sale of Vehicles to Italian Civilians.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
Q/5
11 August 1945

TO : Ministry of War

1. Reference our Q/5 dated 21 July 1945, same subject.

2. Please cancel list of vehicles forwarded to you on Appendix "A" to the letter in reference, and substitute in it's 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.

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

Copy to:
A.F.H.Q. for G(AE)(your A.F.H.Q./6190/1/G (AE) of 12 July refers)
Mr. Grillo Adamo

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

Copy to:
A.F.H.Q. for Q(AB)(your A.F.H.Q./6190/1/Q (AB) of 12 July refers)
Mr. Grillo Adamo
Thro: M.M.I.A. LO. Naples

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LIST N. 2

VEHICLES TO BE RELEASED TO MR. CRILLO ADAMO

1.	Fiat Cadilla	Engine 100793	Chassis 099925
2.	Lancia Aprilia	" 97-3115	" 39-3329
3.	" Augusta	" 13721	" 31-12448
4.	Fiat 500 RAF	" 028961	" 076077
5.	German Ambulance (air coler engine fanome)	" 38296 A	" 529
6.	Renault lorry	" 22546	" 1019777
7.	Trailer four wheel Magliola	" —	" 1514
8.	Spa Carretta 524057	" 19934	" 50314
9.	Spa Carretta 5240334	" 20089	" 50416
10.	Fiat 618	" 013406	" 005489
11.	Spa 38 524037S	" 022622	" 017829
12.	Spa 38 135272	" 021145	" 016751
13.	Spa 38 64409	" 00914	" 36135
14.	Spa 38	" 008278	" 34470
15.	Fiat 634 98572	" 008779	" 007329
16.	Fiat 634	" 007557	" 006348
17.	Fiat 626 N n. 43	" 002472	" 002316
18.	Fiat 626 BL	" 004914	" 004575
19.	Fiat 626 BL n. 43	" 005680	" 005275
20.	Fiat 626 BL	" 003009	" 002881
21.	Fiat 626 Q 4	" 004918	" 004572
22.	Fiat 626 n.55	" 006473	" 006113
23.	Fiat 626 540372	" 006495	" 006135
24.	Fiat 626 n.40	" 001592	" 001433
25.	Fiat 626 n.49	" 007540	" 007165
26.	Fiat 626 n.1850	" 006696	" 006387
27.	Fiat 626 n.645	" 007593	" 007205
28.	Fiat 626 n.43	" 006936	" 004576
29.	Fiat 626 n.548	" 006387	" 006019
30.	Fiat 626 n.150352	" 002984	" 002885
31.	Lancia /3 RO 60	" 102-5039	" 564-4678
32.	Fiat 666	" 004421	" 002894
33.	German vehicle Opel 669	" 41BR-1389	" 1471
34.	German vehicle Opel	" 41BR-2613 A	" 172688

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19.	Fiat 626 BL n. 43	"	005680	"	005275
20.	Fiat 626 BL	"	003009	"	002881
21.	Fiat 626 Q 4	"	004918	"	004572
22.	Fiat 626 n.55	"	006473	"	006113
23.	Fiat 626 540372	"	006495	"	006135
24.	Fiat 626 n.40	"	001592	"	001433
25.	Fiat 626 n.49	"	007540	"	007165
26.	Fiat 626 n.1850	"	006696	"	006387
27.	Fiat 626 n.645	"	007593	"	007205
28.	Fiat 626 n.43	"	006936	"	004576
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S.E.O.M.

Delivery of Salvage vehicle to above buyer were completed by me on 7th August 44 and as per above list of 34 vehicles.

H.R. MOYSE LIEUT
O/c Salvage Vehicle Park - Torre Ann.
n. 21 H.Q. Salvage

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No. 21 Hq Salvage

Depot (Abroad)

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SUBJECT : Monthly Census of Vehicles and other Warlike Stores.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
G/5 ——
22 October 1945

TO : Ministry of War

Reference our letter G/5 dated 15th July 45.

1. The following vehicles are in possession of 209, 227, 228 Admin. Divs, who have converted them into Canteens:

Dodge	3 Ton	WD No.	5619279
"	"	" "	5605282
"	"	" "	5372063

2. These vehicles must be shown on the monthly "B" vehicle Census return and it therefore requested you instruct the Admin. Divs. concerned, to contact their respective British Command, who will inform them as to details of the Census return required.

3. Report action taken.

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for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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and it therefore requested you instruct the Admin. Divs. concerned, to contact their respective British Command, who will inform them as to details of the Census return required.

3. Report action taken.

RAC

for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

Copy to:

GHQ for Q (AG) (your GHQ/6540/9/Q (AG) refers)
M.M.I.A. LO c/o 2 District
M.M.I.A. LO. Naples
M.M.I.A. LO. c/o 201 Sub Area

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E

20 October 1945

TO : Major EDWARDS

1. - Major Newton is leaving Rome for BTA 20 October to arrange collection and return of Italian Army clothing and equipment from Austria.

2. - You are to contact him and arrange mutually to get all you can out of Austria before the snow blocks movement.

3. - You will notify this H.Q. any difficulty requiring attention this office to overcome. You will report progress by signal and confirm by written report later.

4. - Every endeavour is being made to find you an assistant for the North. Mean while your duty is primarily the recovery of Italian Army M.T. and spares, secondly the supervision of workshops now in process of being established.

5. - You will report location and correct telegraphic address on receipt of this letter and ensure that when you leave one location your next "Contact address" is signalled to this office. The nearest M.M.I.A. IO.

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A. [illegible].M.C.
(N.M.I.A.)

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SUBJECT : Maintenance of Platoon of 3GT Coy.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
G/5
12 October 1945

TO : H.Q. 3 District

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Ref. your signal 3F/1803 dated 24 September 1945.

1. M.M.I.A. LO. at Naples had made temporary arrangements with 56 Area for the maintenance of the Platoon of 3G.T. Coy.

2. 56 Area now inform us that they can no longer accept that responsability.

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3. It is impossible to keep that Platoon employed in Naples unless it can be adequately maintened and as the Italian Army has no facilities for such maintenance and A.F.H.Q. in their signal C 21868 of 22 September 1945 have informed us that you are unable to undertake further administration, it has been decided to withdraw this Platoon to the remainder of the Coy.

4. Your views on this subject are awaited, before any action is taken.

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See Q 004-1

Major General
Land Force Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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Copy to:

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA

DATE 11 TIME A 0515

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO : DISTWO
MMIA LO MILAN
217 AREA FOR MMIA LO

REF : SD 3006

UNCLASSIFIED

REF MMIA LETTER SD/14/2 DATED 29 AUG (.) PLEASE CONFIRM

THAT 2 ITALIAN G T COY LATELY SITUATED B O L O G N A IS NOW

DISBANDED

PRECEDENCE R O U T I N E

AUTHENTICATED

INTERNAL : A
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Translation

From: Ist of TO
To: MMIA

Ref. No. 21041/II
220-12-6
Date: Oct. 5, 1945

Subject: Machine tools for the motorization service - Lathes for artillery arsenals.

With reference to the explanations requested by Gen. Browning during a recent conversation with the Ministry of War, we wish to point out the following in connection with the above question:

a) the Directorate General of Artillery and Motorization has ordered the following in connection with letters No. Q/5 of Sept. 7th last and No. S/D/15/2 of Sept. 4th last.

574 — MT repair shops of Milan, Bolzano, Udine Genoa and Bologna will draw machinery and tools from the Arsenal at Turin and from the G 2 and G 3 plants of the Innocenti firm at Milan (owned by the Army)

— MT repair shops of Bologna and Genoa will draw machinery and tools from the Arsenal at Piacenza and the Stoffa Factory at Genoa, respectively.

— the 14 M.T. Maintenance Shops (O.L.C.) will draw the lathes and drills which they need, from the plants under their command.

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(2)

Therefore, all lathes needed for the M.T. repair and maintenance shops ~~were~~ to be organized were already assigned by drawing them from subordinate artillery plants.

b) Machine tools and, in particular, lathes which remained at artillery plants are also used for the production of spare parts for Army M.T. and steering parts of Railroad equipments ordered by the State Railways.

c) We are still waiting to recover the large amount of machinery of the disbanded Italian Army MT workshops transferred at the time to a place in the Upper Adige (South Tyrol) - which will be very useful in activating the various workshops and plants.

Signed: Lombardi

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Subject:- Italian Army Transport. - Repatriation.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.M.G.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
G/5.
26 September 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference our letter G/5 dated 16 May 1945 paragraph 2.

1. Amend C.C.R.R. load carriers authorised to read 15 not 27.

2. Reduction due to 12 load carriers that were on loan to C.C.R.R. from Italian Army having been included twice in determining the number of load carriers that were to be part of C.C.R.R. 72/TO.

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:-

M.M.I.A. L.O. Sardinia. (your letter of Sept. 15th. refers)

Internal to:-

S.T.
R.E.M.E.

JL/fn.

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MESSAGE FORM

24/530 A

FROM : MEA

TO : DIPLOMATIC

RESTRICTED (.) SE/1805 (.) FOR MEA 10 (.) IN VIEW DIFFICULTIES REGARDING
PART OF M 3 CZ DOC BOX IN PUBLIC PROFILE TO HAVE US OUT OF DIPLOMATIC AREA IN
HIGH VOLUME (.) REQUEST YOU REACH AGREEMENT WHEN THIS CAN BE RELEASED

PRONUNCIATION Rendition

AUTHENTICATION Attested a true /f. IR.CHL

INTERNAL : G (SE)
A (SE)

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PRECEDENCE Routine

AUTHENTICATION [illegible] /s/ LT.COL.

INTERNAL : C (3)
A (OPS)
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SUBJECT :- Control of Vehicle Releases.

2/5
24 Sept 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
Tel : Roma 489061 Ext 526

To :- MMIA LO, MILAN.

Reference your MEL/3/2 Q. of 19 Sept 45.

1. It is not intended that any vehicles should be held by Efficient Vehicle Parks until the MT Units within the command which the vehicle park will eventually serve have been made up to their authorised transport WE/TO. Vehicles which have been recovered should be assigned directly to the units concerned by the appropriate MMIA LO, in conjunction with the Territorial Command. In view of the recent changes in the dispositions of Liason offrs, Appendix 'A' is attached hereto showing the L.O. responsible for the initial completion of Tpt units, and the Efficient Vehicle Park to which surplus vehicles should be transferred. Thus ALL vehicles shown as held by Efficient Vehicle Parks will be considered as surplus to the requirements of the Command concerned, and be subject to assignment by the Ministry of War, SHAF, in consultation with this HQ, and ONLY Vehicle Release Notes will be the only valid authority for the release of vehicles from such parks.

2. Since it is understood that MAJOR N. HULL anticipates that he may recover comparatively large blocks of Tpt well in excess of the requirements of any one Territorial Command, although not in excess of total requirements, he has, in order to avoid delay, been furnished with a list showing the priorities in which it is desired to complete the WE/TOs of each of the 7 Northern Territorial Commands, and he has been requested to contact the LOs concerned in each case in order to ascertain the current vehicle deficiencies, and arrange for the command to collect the vehicles. Such vehicles will at no time be held in efficient vehicle parks, unless efficient have been requested to complete all Territorial Commands to

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2. Since it is understood that BRIGADIER N. HEALY anticipates that he may recover comparatively large blocks of Tpt well in excess of the requirements of any one Territorial Command, although not in excess of total requirements, he has, in order to avoid delay, been furnished with a list showing the priorities in which it is desired to complete the WE/TOs of each of the 7 Northern Territorial Commands, and he has been requested to contact the ICs concerned in each case in order to ascertain the current vehicle deficiencies, and arrange for the command to collect the vehicles. Such vehicles will at no time be held in efficient vehicle parks, unless sufficient have been recovered to complete all Territorial Commands to WE/20.

3. It will be seen from the above that there are, in fact, two systems of recovery operating; the routine system whereby a small number of vehicles are recovered weekly by the Territorial Commands passing either to repair units if inefficient or direct to MT Units if efficient; this should be dealt with in accordance with para 1 above, and secondly, bulk recovery being handled personally by BRIGR. N. HEALY, which should be operated in conjunction with MTIA ICs as for para 2.

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for Major General,
A.M.T.A.

WMH/AC

Copies to :- MTIA ICs, Tweed
" " Govan
" " Belfast
" " Perth
" " Bolton
" " Blowick.
M of War S.M.R.E.

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NONE

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(a) Territorial Coml	(b) U n i t	Unit to responsible for assigning valu to complete M/T0 of units under column (b).
No 1 Terr Coy	No 1 C.T.A.	M.T.A. LO, Turin
No 2 " "	No 2 C.T.A.	ST IC IA IC Genoa
No 3 " "	No 3 C.T.A.	M.T.A. HQ, Milan
No " " "	No 3 Amb Car Section	do
No 4 " "	No 4 C.T.A.	M.T.A. LO, Bolzano
No " " "	No 4 Amb Car Section	do
No 5 " "	No 5 C.T.A.	M.T.A. LO, Udine
No 6 " "	No 6 C.T.A.	M.T.A. LO, Bologna

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APPENDIX 'A'.

t	MTLA LO responsible for assigning vehs to complete Mx/TO of units under column (b).	E.V.P. to which vehs supplied to Mx/TO or units under column (b) will be transferred.	REMARKS
...	MTLA LO, Turin	'A' E.V.P. Turin	In agreement with MTO LO N.W.ITALY.
...	ST MTLA LO Genoa	7 E.V.P. Milan	do
...	MTLA LO, Milan	do	do
Car den	do	do	do
...	M.T.L. LO, Bolzano	6 E.V.P. Verona	
Car den	do	do	
...	MTLA LO, Udine	'B' E.V.P. Udine	
...	MTLA LO, Bologna	No 5 E.V.P. Bologna	

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

DATE 18 TIME 1[illegible]A

FROM : MMIA

TO : AFHQ FOR 63 ORG

INFO : DISTHREE
DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

REF : SD 2961

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556 6th Infantry Div

FX 43658 DATED 15 SEPT APPEARS AT VARIANCE WITH FX 34988 DATED 13 AUG (.) MMIA UNABLE UNDERTAKE ADM THIS PL OF 3 ITALIAN GT COY HAVING NO FACILITIES FOR MAINTENANCE OF BRITISH VEHS

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PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED [signature]

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To

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Subject:- M.T. Repair Units.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) RC&S.
C/5
14 September, 1945.

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To:-

Ministry of War.

21n255

Reference your 223-1/3-G /11 dated 8 September 45.

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For M.T. workshops have already been approved by our letter C/5 dated 7 September, 1945, which you will find are in accordance with your request.

W. P. Dudley Colonel
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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TRANSLATION

Q/5

From : M of War
To : MMIA

Ref : 29255/II
220-12-6
Dtd : 8 Sep 45

(545)

Subject : Maintenance and repair of Italian Military Vehicles- Issues to Repair Units

566 - 6th Jacket

Regarding the carrying out of the suggestions of MMIA contained in letter No. Q/5 dtd 25 Aug 45, I assure you of the complete support of this Ministry, and of the units concerned, to the formation of the new organization of repair services.

The idea of utilizing all the existing equipment for the repair of vehicles, eventually transferring it to the most useful place of employment, is completely shared by me.

I maintain, however, that it is my duty to point out that the recent order of MMIA, to draw only from the Arsenal of Turin the operating machines and equipment necessary to the vehicle repair units of the Military Territorial H.Q.'s which are being formed, impairs considerably the efficiency of that Arsenal, which has recommenced its own work, with a large staff, and which provides, among other things, for repairs to vehicles.

The said vehicle repair units will be issued with the machinery and equipment necessary to them, and this comes under the tasks and interests of the Directorate General of Artillery and Motorization.

It is therefore advisable that the [illegible] procedure should

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It is therefore advisable that the ~~xxxxxxx~~ procedure should be fixed by the ~~Direttorxte~~ General of Artillery and Motorisation, granting ~~xxxxxx~~ to their own competence the faculty of drawing what is necessary from those factories which can cede the equipment without harm to themselves.

I respectfully await the decision of MMIA on this matter. 4943.

The Minister,

agd. Taicini.

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Subject:- Formation of Light Workshops - Part III(a) 1 Sec 9 Units.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(C. . I. A.) RCME.
0/5
7 Sep 45.

To:- Ministry of War.

1. Further to SD/15/2 dated 4 Sep 45.

2. This letter authorises the formation of fourteen Light Workshops with a strength of 1 Officer, 1 W.O.C.O. and 10 specialists on 172/SME/1 on 15 September 45.

3. These units are numbered No. 1 to 14 inclusive, and it is intended that Nos. 1 to 11 will operate with the corresponding Territorial Admin. Tpt. Company, No. 12 will operate in Rome with the Special Transport Company, No. 13 in Rome with the War Ministry Admin. Tpt. Coy. and No. 14 will operate in Sardinia with the Admin. Tpt. Coy.

4. These units will be located with and attached for accommodation and rations, to the Transport Company with which it is working. For technical direction and supervision, however, these units will be under the Dir. Gen Artig e Motorizzazione through the Territorial Repairs Director.

5. These units have been formed for two main reasons:-

(a) To improve the maintenance facilities within a Transport Company.
(b) To do minor repairs to Transport Company vehicles thereby leaving Repairs Units freer to concentrate on larger repairs.

6. Their functions will, therefore, be twofold. First they will carry out a Workshop inspection on all vehicles within the Company at least once a month. Secondly, they will carry out minor repairs only (repairs up to four hours duration) as soon as reported by the driver of the vehicle, thereby preventing the vehicle being run further when defective and necessitating a larger repair. Any vehicles requiring more than four hours repair will,

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7. These Light Workshops will hold tools and equipment up to a scale to be prepared by Dir. Gen. Artig. e Motorizzazione and approved by M.M.I.A. They will hold no spare parts, but will draw spares as and when required from the nearest Repairs Unit.

R. A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
A. G. M. G.
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:- All M.M.I.A. L.Cn.

Internal:- S.T.
E.E.M.E.

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Subject:- M.T. Repair Units.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
O/5
7 September, 1945.

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To:- Ministry of War.

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Reference your 33001/DT dated 5 September, 1945.

1. It is confirmed that the provision of the necessary machinery and tools for the M.T. Workshops being established in the North should be on the lines you suggest.

2. So long as the new units are equipped with machinery and tools required, there is no necessity to comply literally with the arrangements suggested in this H.Q. letter O/5 dated 27 Aug 45.

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

Copy to:- R.E.M.E.

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Translation

From : MCW
To : MMIA
Subject : Vehicle repair organization - machinery requirements.

Ref. : 33001/DT
Date : Sept. 5, 1945

Ref. 4/5 dated August 1945.

Confirming what was reported on 1st inst. by Col. Secco of this Directorate General and agreed upon by Lt. Col. Curties of MMIA, we hereby summarize it all:

a) The organization of the new vehicle repair workshops constitutes a problem of vital importance for the Arty and M.T. Directorate General to which this Directorate General will give as much cooperation as possible.

b) in regard to the transfer of the machinery and tools required for said workshops, instead of removing all from the Turin Arsenal which is in full working capacity, most of it will be removed from the Innocenti Sg and Sg Establishments at Milan (inactive at present and for an unknown period of time) for the workshops which should be located at Milan, Bolzano, and Udine, (see enclosure no. 1) and from the two military establishments at Genova and Fiorenza (Shell factory and Arsenal) for the two workshops which must be set up at Genova and Fiorenza respectively.

Machinery and tools not available at the s/m units (see enclosure 2) will be drawn from Turin Arsenal.

c) in this manner, the movement of the materials, during this critical transportation situation, will be reduced to the minimum, and the electric characteristics of the motors applied to the individual machines will correspond to those at the respective centers.

(Sgd) Properzi

Cpl. VCC

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Enclosure No. 1 to letter 33001

MACHINERY AND TOOLS TO BE DRAWN FROM ENCLOSURE 2 and 3, ESTABLISHMENTS AT MILAN FOR THE VEHICLE REPAIR ESTABLISHMENTS AT MILAN, BOLZANO, AND UDINE.

Parallel lathe - distance between points 2000 m/m	1
" " - " " " 1500 m/m	3
" " - " " " 800/1000 m/m	4
vertical drill, points up to 25 m/m	4
portable electric polisher 150 m/m wheel	4
electric emery wheel, medium size, pedestal type 200-220 m/m wheel	3
fixed bench emery wheel, 150 m/m	4
portable electric emery wheel, 150 m/m	8
double electric emery wheel, 500 m/m	3
band saw	11
electric welding machine	4
hydraulic press - 40 tons	3
hydraulic press - 100 tons	1
fitter' benches	19
bench vices	20
carpenter's benches	1
smith's benches	4

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Enclosure No. " to letter

MACHINERY AND TOOLS (BE DRAWN FROM FF. ARMY / RNAL AT TURIN FOR THE MILAN, BOLZANO, UDINE, VEHICLES REPAIR WORKSHOPS.

Portable electric drill up to 20 m/m	4
" " " " " 13 m/m	8
" pple scissors , cuts up to 2m/m thick	1
" " blade 750 m/m - cuts up to 1 m/m	3
alternative saws for metals, cuts up to 150 m/m	4
bend saws	3
circular saw	1
vertical and horizontal plane	1
toupie (?)	1
oxi-acetyline welding machine	3
pedal emery wheel	2
fitter's bench	19
bench vices	56
carpenter's bench	7
vertical vices	4
brick bench for welding	3
anvils with block	6
2 fire fixed forges	4
multiple use woodworking machine	2

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