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Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIA)

Rome

0/5/8

16 July 1945.

To :- MINISTRY OF WAR
S.M.R.S., Ufficio Automobili.

Reference year 6/6955 of 12 July 45.

Please state from which units the M/Cs were received and include such information on all subsequent reports.

In view of the importance attached to the early formation of this unit, it is not understood why only 3 of the 40 M/Cs to be transferred (under ref of this office letter ST/1315 of 20 June) have so far been received, and you are requested to investigate this matter and report results to this HQ in due course.

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

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Copy to :- Sigs MIA.
ST MIA.

R.A. QUINCY Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
H.M. I. 1. 1.

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Copy to :- Sigs WIA.
in WIA.

Translation

Rome, July 14, 1945.

Dear General:

The Most Eminent Cardinal Gennaro Granito Pignastelli di Belmonte - Bishop of Ostia and Albano - Dean of the Sacred College, has given me the pleasure of communicating with you to remind you of the negotiations regarding the assignment of vehicles to the "Society for the Reconstruction of Ecclesiastical Buildings Devastated by War", which is located at No. 9 Piazza Ballustio, Rome - Tel. 485592.

On July 5, 1945, The Most Eminent Cardinal sent to you through me, a request from said firm, together with a covering note written and signed by his gracious self, supporting the request advanced by the Society. Your office requested me to apply to the Ministry of War, which was done immediately.

His Eminence now requests you to kindly examine the Society's request when it arrives from the Ministry of War for your final approval. This is begged that we may give work to many workers and give to the population, so tried by the war, the comfort of having their churches again.

With this letter, His Eminence offers his most humble thanks to which I take the liberty of adding my own.

(Sgd) Angelo Framba

Gentlemen of Honor to
Cardinal Granito di Belmonte

To General BROWNING

Rome

Cpl. YDC

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Translation.

From: N. of W.
To : MMIA.

Ref: 14424/21.

Dtd.: 13 July 45.

Subject: Trucks for the Society for the Reconstruction of Ecclesiastical Buildings.

1) The Society for the Reconstruction of ecclesiastical buildings devastated by War - with Headquarters in Rome - controlled by a patronage presided over by His Ex. Dr. Ruffo Ruffo, Prince of the Scaletta, Knight of the Sovereign Order of Malta, and administered by a board presided over by His Ex. Prof. Giovanni Carrara, president of the Tribunal, "first Instance" of the Vatican City State, has requested us to grant it an issue of 40 unservicable trucks with which to equip (after completion of renovations to be carried out by the said Society) the various workshops.

2) Regarding above, the said Society claims to have interested Allied Authority, in the person of General Browning, by means of His Eminence Cardinal Granito Fignatelli, at an interview granted on the 30th June 45.

General Browning would appear to be favourably disposed towards the desired issue, in view of the work proposed to be executed by the said Society.

3) To the above named Society has recently been the opportunity of acquiring a number of derelict vehicles, lying at the Agnello Park Naples, the drawing of which has been authorized by the Liaison Officer attached.

The Society has stated however, that such an offer cannot be considered suitable, because the state of the said derelicts warrant repairs of such extent, that apart from constituting a financial impossibility, the vehicles would not be in use for an excessively long period.

The said Society suggests however, the desirability of having placed at its disposal, trucks which even though of antiquated type, could possibly be in working order, or needful of only minor repairs.

4) Regarding the above and further to the verbal intentions of Col. Kerr of MMIA, of coming to an understanding with the said Society, saying that he did not wish to delay work of social importance, we agree with the proposals contained in above paragraph.

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4) Regarding the above and further to the verbal intentions of Col. Kerr of M.M.A., of coming to an understanding with the said Society, saying that he did not wish to delay work of social importance, we agree with the proposals contained in above paragraph.

5) we propose therefore, to issue to the Society for the reconstruction of Ecclesiastical Buildings, trucks of a type no longer suitable for use with units of the Italian Army, such as 18 B.L. or 15 Terr, or types with similar features.

19 Examples of these types are situated at the Unservicable Vehicle Park, Rome, recently recovered from civilians; these we should be able to issue, on terms, in the event of this present proposal being accepted, we shall communicate with you later.

Hand not to send.

for the Minister

(Signed) Gen., P.G. Properi.

Note.-S.S. T.

Copy to M.A. by request.

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Subject: Assignment of Vehicles/Geographical Institute Florence.

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

2/5/8

12 July 1945

To: Ministry of War

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Reference your 6/6744/Serv. of 9 Jul 45.

1. Enquiries from Allied authorities fail to reveal any activities which the Military Geographical Institute carry out under Allied load or which require a considerable number of daily truck trips. It is further not clear why the Institute is collecting transport in VAL D'ISTRIA.
2. You are requested to obtain further information on this project.

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

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Subject:- Transport for Command 227 Admin. Div.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROSE.
9/5/8
14 July 1945.

To:-

M.M.I.A. L.O.
c/o H.Q. 3 District.

71/3 attached

Attached copy of letter from Ministry of War 6/6742/Serv
dated 9 July 1945 is forwarded to you for comment.

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

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From Ministry of War.
General Staff.

Ref 6/6742/Serv
Date 9 July 45.

To:- M.M.L.A.

Subject:- CAR

The Command of the 227 Division whose jurisdiction extends on a parallel from Pescara to Reggio, possesses only two motor cars, one of which is scarcely serviceable.

The planned W.E. for the said command is for three cars.

Taking into account the location of the aforementioned Division, we beg you to order in completing of W.E. the assignments of a car to be drawn from one of the Serviceable Vehicle Parks under command.

(signed) Giorgio Luzzi

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Subject:- Transport for Centro Regionale Recupero of Turin.

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

ROME.

15/8
3 July 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference your 3621/IS/Ord dated 4 July 1945.

1. Until Admin. Transport Coys. have been made up to W.E. by transport recovered in the North of Italy, no other transport can be authorized and Centro Regionale Recupero will therefore have to obtain any transport required from the Admin. Transport Coy of Turin.
2. When the Admin. Transport Coys. are up to strength in vehicles, and it is known the number of vehicles held in the Turin E.V.P., then your request for the assignment of vehicles to the unit in question will be considered.

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

Copy to:- E.T.
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RAC/fem

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Subject:- Internal Security Forces - Armoured Fighting Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) RCMR.
Q/5/8
13 July 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference our letter Q/5/8 dated 9 July 1945.

Authority has been received for the disposal of one hundred and forty (140) Italian Tanks stored in No. 2 B.V.P. Naples.

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

Copy to:-

A.C. Public Safety Sub Commission
B. & T.
R.E.M.E.
Q (AB)
"A" Branch
M.M.I.A. L.O. Naples
"G" Branch (with copy of Q/5/8 dated 9 July 45)

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RAC/pen

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Subject: Provision of M/Cs for XIS Coy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O N H
4/5/8

11 July 1945

To: Ministry of War.

Reference your 214296/11 of 5 July 1945.

1. The decision to withdraw M/Cs. from the Ministry of War Admin. Ppt. Coy as specified in our SE/1345 of 20 June was reached in consultation with Ufficio Servizi SMRS, who proposed that the vehicles should be taken from this Coy. This decision will NOT be reversed.
2. Reference paragraph 2 of your letter. The Ministry of War XIS Coy, to which the vehicles will eventually be assigned, is designed to improve communications and liaison with outlying army units, and it is for this very reason that the early equipment of this unit with motorcycles is essential.
3. It is considered that the figure of 20% motorcycles requiring daily repair is excessive, and is attributable to bad maintenance. You are requested to report what immediate steps are being taken to reduce this figure.

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

Internal: S.T.

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Subject: Allotment of Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
2/5/8

// July 45

MINISTRY OF WAR

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Ref your 6/6429/Serv dated 3 July 45.

1. In view of the present state of transport and availability of vehicles, which you can observe from your own records, no vehicles are available for the Royal Military Academy.

2. The small number of vehicles available are allotted to formations on a priority basis and it is felt that there are Units who are more urgently in need of vehicles than the Military Academy.

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

Copy to - ST.

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Translation

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From: ColarTo: M.M.I.A.Ref: 6/6740Date: 9/7/45Subject: Vehicles Allocation.

Corino Hil. Base Command has at ^{its} disposal up to date the following vehicles, which are absolutely insufficient to meet the requirements of the H.Q. and the recovery of materials of ^{any} description, which are daily stolen by civilians, with serious detriment to the Army.

- 5 Motorcycles -
- 14 Cars -
- 10 Lorries -
- 8 Special Cars -

24 Lorries and 6 cars salvaged are at present at the disposal of the Allied Authorities at Corino M.T. Park. The a/c Allied Authorities who were requested by Corino Hil. Command to issue said vehicles, have not yet granted their approval.

Considering the particular situation prevailing at the a/c H.Q. and to ensure the salvage of material precious to the Army, we beg M.M.I.A. to approach 5th Army H.Q. in order to obtain the assignment of the vehicles in question to Corino Hil. Base Command.

Signed: ^{5/24/45} 610221

For
[Signature]

Forward
[Signature]

ST/1225

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Subject:- Transport for P.O.W. repatriation staff.

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

6/5/8
16 July 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

67/3.

Reference your 214234 /11 dated 4 July 45.
220-434

1. Approval is given for the purchase by Ministry of War of the vehicles referred to in the above mentioned letter.
2. These vehicles will be allotted to the Repatriated P.O.W. and Internees Office for the use of General Mannerini and his staff and will be temporarily held surplus to W.E. of the Ministry of War Admin. Tpt. Coy. When repatriation is completed, further instructions regarding the disposal of these vehicles will be issued.
3. You are requested to submit make, type and target number of these vehicles, so that the necessary labels can be issued.

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

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RAC/fem

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Subject: Internal Security Forces - Armored Fighting Vehicles.

Local Forces Sub Commission, S.O.
(M. L. I. A.)
H O M E.
1/5/8 ✓

9 July 45.

To: Ministry of War.

1. It is proposed to transfer to mobile Carabinieri Regiments a US vehicles as detailed below:-

Place	Number	Remarks
GENOA	12	To replace British Vehicles.
TURIN	12	ditto
MILAN	12	ditto
PAVIA	12	ditto
BOLZANO	12	
PLACENZA	12	
CHINI	12	
BAZI	12	
PALAZZO	12	
ROME	20	Inclusive 8 as general reserve.
SAFETY	12	

2. You are required to consider with the Commanding General, Carabinieri, the necessary steps to be taken to provide for the transfer of these vehicles to the Carabinieri including the provision of ammunition, personnel, etc. If it is desired to transfer any trained tank drivers from the Italian Army particulars should be forwarded to this Headquarters.

3. It is suggested that representatives of the units concerned shall visit Naples at an early date with a view to obtaining first hand information concerning the vehicles earmarked for time. It will be for you to decide on the detailed allocation by type to the respective

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(L.A. JAMES) Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M.H.I.A.

Copy to : A.C. Public Safety Sub Commission.

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M.H.I.A.
Q. (40)
A. Henschel.
M.H.I.A., L.A. Naples.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Italian Air Force General Staff

REF: 41988

TO: A.P.S.C. - A.C.

DATE: 7 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Request for vehicles for the Italian Air Force

1. - By orders of the General, Chief of Staff, I append herewith, complete, the notes made by him on the letter to which this replies.
2. - "The letter addressed to A.P.H.Q., G4 Section, dated 22nd May 1945, was submitted for signature of the Italian Air Force Chief of Staff, with the text in English, on the initiative of the Deputy Director of the A.P.S.C. - A.C., Colonel M. Baldrige".
3. - "The text of the letter was compiled by the Deputy Director and the amount of the request was fixed by him as for 500 trucks and 250 Jeeps".
4. - "The Deputy Director is the 2nd. in command of the A.P.S.C. - A.C. There is therefore no reason why the Chief of Staff should not back an initiative of the A.P.S.C. - A.C. which is in any way useful to the Italian Air Force, regardless of the result of the request".

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5. - "There is, instead, every reason to deplore a reply absolutely unjustified by the above mentioned precedents and the nature of which could have been more in keeping with the position and functions of the signatory of the request".

Sgd. for the Asst. Chief of Staff
Lt. Col. (Pilot) MICCIANI

C. Denin Cpl.

TRANSLATION. File

From; Ministry of War

Ref: 214294/II

To: M.M.I.A.

220-13-4

Date: 4. July 1945

Subject: Vehicles for the Independent Office for Repatriated P.O.s and Internees.

I The Independent Office for Repatriated P.O.s and Internees to be able to carry out their duties, need to have at least the following vehicles at its disposal:

Two Cars
One light three-wheeled van
Two motorcycles

This is also shown in letter No. A.F.W./I/16 from H.Q. Allied Commission, which we enclose for information.

II The aforementioned vehicles cannot be obtained from the M.T. Transport Company of the Ministry of War, since of the sixty-one of the vehicles at the disposal of the Ministry:

- about 20% are daily in for minor repair and are therefore off the road.
- About 40% are assigned permanently to High Officials and the Directorate Generals.
- the remainder are on periodical absolutely essential duties and unforeseen exigencies.

III M.M.I.A. is kindly requested therefore to consider the above and to authorize that the vehicles which are essential to place the Repatriated P.O.s Office in a position to carry out their duties be allotted, extra WE, to the Administrative Transport company of the Ministry of War, in the quantity shown in para. I.

LOMBARDI

G.C.R.C.

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Translation

From: Ministry of War.
To: S.M.R.E.

To: S.M.R.E.

Ref:- 3621/10

Date:- 4. VII. 45.

M.M.A for information

Subject: - Allotments of heavy trucks to the ~~Artillery~~
Regional Salvage Centre of Torino.

For the practical activation of the salvage service under the jurisdiction of the I Territorial Military Command (Torino), the necessary transport will have to be at its disposal.

As granted in the past for the functioning of the regional salvage centres, the General Staff is kindly requested to assign to the Regional Salvage Centre of Tsiman four heavy trucks.

The matter is of the maximum urgency, to enable the speedy salvage of materials of the Military Administration, valued at several hundred million lire, ^{and high up} ~~delayed~~ by the absence of transport, could ~~and~~ ^{suffer} inevitable losses.

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C.C.R. Cantor

Translation.

From: M. et W.

To: MWIA.

Subject: Assignment of vehicles.

4:5/5429/Serv.

3/7/45.

In reply to letter Q/5/8 dated 24/6/45.

The cadets of the Royal Military academy will, during the months of July and August, carry out there arms training in different areas, to those ~~names~~ of *their present location*.

For the transfer of the men and the necessary materials, and for the carrying out of the exercises, the a/m Academy requires to have at there disposal, at least the number of vehicles provided for them in the war establishment, which as is known, is still incomplete.

^{49/2} In view of the above, and taking into consideration the urgency of the case, we beg you to reexamine the proposals contained in letter 6/5084 dated 14/6/45., and to assign to the Royal Academy, the vehicles actually available in the efficient vehicle parks.

GO.

(Giorgio Linzzi)

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TRANSMISSION.

FROM:- H.Q. 227 (East) Div.

TO:- M.M.I.G.

REF:- 08/1047/Aut.

DATE:- 29.VI.45.

SUBJECT:- Transport.

- I) With ~~reference~~^{letter} SD/388/Com., a copy of which is attached, H.Q. 3 District requested for this Sub-H.Q. 2 (two) light trucks, 1 (one) heavy truck and 2 (two) motorcycles.
- II) The aforementioned vehicles, up to this day, have not been assigned to this Sub-H.Q.
- III) We request that your office takes the necessary action to have the said vehicles drawn from those available from the disbanded 280 Scuola Autieri di Volignano a Mare.
- IV) Should the suggestion made in para. III be agreeable, we beg to have one light vehicle 5 seep type and one 15 cub. type included.

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TRANSMISSION.COPY.

From: H.Q. 3 District

Ref: 01/3188/Op. of the 26/4/45.

To: 22 Div.
230 Div.

DATE: T.O.O. 142018

Supreme Allied Command.
M.M.I.A.

SD/388/Confidential: First by H.Q. 230 Div. will probably be ^{moved} about the 27th April for assignment to 2 District. Secondly H.Q. 227 Div. will be prepared to take over 230 Div's responsibility. Will make all preliminary arrangements and forward to this H.Q. as soon as possible a plan for the taking over of this further duty. Thirdly for the Supreme Command and M.M.I.A.: The following reinforcements are urgently required for 227 Div.: 2 Captains 3 W.O.s 9 soldiers; Transport. 2 light vehicles 2 heavy vehicles 2 motorcycles. Fourthly for 227 Div. This H.Q. is to be informed at the earliest of any further necessities of either transport or telephonic links. For M.M.I.A.: Today's conversation between STATION and WATSON. END. 142018.

M/A P/V C-C

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Subject : Internal Security Forces - Armoured Fighting Vehicles.

Local Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.H.I.A.)
R O M Z.
9/5/8

30 June 45.

To : A.P.H.Q. for G.5 (Org).

46.

Reference year AG 451/063 GUP-3 dated 9 June.

1. A request has now been received from Public Safety Sub Commission that Italian light tanks at present stored at Naples may be disposed of as under. It is requested that approval may be given for the transfer of the vehicles from the Italian Army to the Carabinieri as detailed.

2.	Place	Number	Remarks
	GENOA	12	To replace British vehicles.
	TURIN	12	ditto.
	MILAN	12	ditto.
	PIA	12	ditto.
	BOLZANO	12	-----
	FLORENCE	12	-----
	CHIENTI	12	-----
	PERI	12	-----
	VALUGES	12	-----
	ROME	20	Includes 8 as general reserves.
	NAPLES	12	-----

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R.A. GUSTIER, Lt.Col.
for Major General,
M.H.I.A.

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Copy to : A.C. for Public Safety Sub Commission.

A.P.H.Q. for G-5.
M.H.I.A. R.I.A.A.
M.H.I.A. "C"

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Subject : Transport for Italian Red Cross

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
9/5/8

30 June 45.

To : Allied Commission for Public Health Sub Commission.

1. The attached letter received from the Italian Red Cross is forwarded for necessary action. It is presumed the needs of the Association will be met from transport held at the disposal of A.M.G. in the North.
2. It will be appreciated that Italian Army vehicles now being recovered may not be allocated to this purpose until Allied military vehicles now on loan to the Italian Army have been replaced.

R.A.

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

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GROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
Comitato Centrale

il Segretario Generale

13282/G

Roma, 11 June 23, 1945
Via Toscana, 12.

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

SUBJECT : Automobile Production in Italy since Sept. 8, 1943 Frozen
by the Allies - Assignment of a Quota of to I.R.C.

1. This Italian Red Cross HQ have been given to understand that all automobile production in Italy since Sept. 8, 1943, is considered war booty and as such is now frozen by order of the Allied authorities.

It is also understood that at a recent meeting held at Florence, the Ministero della Guerra have applied for a certain proportion of the transportation in question.

2. Should the above information correspond to the actual facts, the IRC HQ have the honour to ask that the needs of the Association, in view of the terrible losses suffered throughout the war, be considered and that a certain quota of the material in question, be assigned to them.

In this connection, it should be remembered that the IRC is, according to Italian law, auxiliary to the Army Medical Corps.

3. The most pressing needs of the Association would be met if the following could be assigned :

Ambulances (or vehicles convertible into ambulances)	150
Lorries : heavy (above 40 qts)	30
medium (20 to 40 qts)	60
light (8 to 20 qts)	80
Cars	50
Spare parts, including batteries, tyres and tubes, for the above.	

As a mere indication, it is stated that the IRC before the war owned 600 vehicles of all types, of which 85% has been lost.

This letter is being written at the suggestion of Brig. Thurburn, AFHQ, Q (AE).

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(Sgd) (Ugo Theodoli)
Sec. Gen. IRC.

COPY/dgc

Translation.

From: HQ.A.C. Mine Clearance Liason Office.
To : SMKE.
Subject: Vehicles.

Ref: XXXXX.211/RM.
14/6/45.

The 1st., Mine Clearing Bn., HQ, and its dependant Coys., have been allotted an insufficient number of vehicles, especially in view of difficult and dangerous work the men of the said unit have to carry out.

Mine clearing squads working in mine fields, find themselves in isolated areas where medical treatment is not available, and civilian or military hospitals are many kilometres away.

In view of the above there exists an indispensable necessity, that these squads have at their disposal an efficient and speedy vehicle sufficiently supplied with fuel, so that when the frequent accidents occur the ~~xxxxxxx~~ injured men can be quickly evacuated to a treatment centre.

In fact on the 12th, in the area of SASSOGUARDANO (Modena) following the explosion of a mine, 2nd Lt., SACCHET Gaetano of the 502 Mine Clearing Coy., was injured in the legs and left hand.

The said officer remained in the mine field for approx., 3 Hours as it was not possible to find even a horse drawn vehicle in the area.

In order to avoid a reduction in the work carried out by the Mine Clearing Coy., caused by the lack of vehicles, we beg you to assign to the above Units, the proper transport means.

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Lt Liason Officer.
(XX XX XX)

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Subject : Transport for Italian Guard Companies.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
9/5/8.

29 June 45.

To : H.Q. 1 District.

1. It has been represented that the under mentioned units are in urgent need of transport. Issue of vehicles is approved by this H.Q. to the Guard Battalion H.Q. and distribution by them as between companies is a matter for the Adm. Div. concerned. In the case of 527 Gd. Bn. this unit is entitled to transport from British sources and until Iti-Iti units have been completed to establishment no Italian Army vehicles can be provided. In addition to the vehicle holding shown below 2 load carriers have recently been released to 505 Gd. Bn. completing them to their War Establishment of 5 load carriers.

2. Transport held on charge by the under mentioned units as declared in Unit Census Returns is as follows :-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Motor Cycles</u>	<u>Passenger Vehicles</u>	<u>Load Carriers</u>
527 Gd. Bn.	2	2	2
522 Gd. Bn.	5	2	7
505 Gd. Bn.	3	1	3
518 Gd. Bn.	5	1	2

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

Copy to : 217 Area.

M.M.I.A. L.O. 1 District (reference LG/98 dated 23 June 45)

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Subject : Transport 25 and 26 Recovery Units.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
Q/50/8 ✓

27 June 45.

To : War Ministry.

56/2.
Reference your N.6/5990/SERV dated 23 June.

1. Transport will be provided for the move of the above units to the North when required. This transport will be on loan and must be returned as soon as the move is completed.
2. Sufficient transport should be available in the North for the work of these units who are entitled to call on the assistance of the local Territorial Headquarters. As one of the primary objects of sending these units to the North is the recovery of Italian Army vehicles it would not be desirable to permanently allocate vehicles from those held in Rome even if the vehicles were available.

R.A. Curteis

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

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Subject : Light Tank Internal Security Forces.

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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
R O M E.
9/5/8

24 June 45.

To : A.C. for Public Safety Sub Commission. (Attn. Lt.Col Wilson).

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1. Under reference AG 451/063 GCE-O dated 9 June, A.P.H.Q. confirmed that Armoured Fighting Vehicles of Italian origin are to be maintained by Italian Army personnel in order that they shall be available to the Carabinieri and Internal Security Forces in case of need.
2. There are at present approximately 140 light tanks held at the Italian Army Vehicle Depot at Naples. It is expected that you will be requiring approximately 75 such vehicles for use of Carabinieri now forming.
3. It is requested that you will notify your requirements and the place at which the vehicles are to be delivered at an early date.
4. If the total number of vehicles to be maintained in immediate readiness can be forecast any surplus will be stored in a suitable location and the maintenance party reduced to a minimum.

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

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Copy to : A.P.H.Q. for G.3 (Org).
R.E.M.E., M.E.I.A.
"G" M.E.I.A.

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Subject : Italian Army Transport.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.O.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
Q/5/8

24 June 45.

To : War Ministry.

79/2

Reference your 6/5634/SERV di prot dated 19 June 45.

The deficiencies in transport of the Military Academy have been noted and will be made good as soon as vehicles are available.

See 67



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

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CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
COMITATO CENTRALE

LA SOSTITUZIONE

13282/3

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Roma 11 June 23, 1945
24 June 19

M.M.I.A.
Letter of Col. Nomkes)

A.C.

SUBJECT : Automobile Production in Italy since Sept. 8, 1943 Frozen by the Allies - Assignment of a Quota of to I.R.C.

1. This Italian Red Cross HQ have been given to understand that all automobile production in Italy since Sept. 8, 1943, is considered war booty and as such is now frozen by order of the Allied authorities.

It is also understood that at a recent meeting held at Florence, the Ministero della Guerra have applied for a certain proportion of the transportation in question.

2. Should the above information correspond to the actual facts, the IRC HQ have the honour to ask that the needs of the Association, in view of the terrible losses suffered throughout the war, be considered and that a certain quota of the material in question, be assigned to them.

In this connection, it should be remembered that the IRC is, according to Italian law, auxiliary to the Army Medical Corps.

3. The most pressing needs of the Association would be met if the following could be assigned :

Ambulances (or vehicles convertible into ambulances)	150
Lorries : heavy (above 40 qts)	20
medium (20 to 40 qts)	60

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medium (20 to 40 gls) 60

light (8 to 20 gls) 80

Cars 50

Spare parts, including batteries, tyres and tubes, for the above. 31

As a mere indication, it is stated that the IRC before the war, owned 660 vehicles of all types, of which 85% has been lost.

This letter is being written at the suggestion of Brig. Thurburn, AFHQ, Q (4E).

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Theodoroli
Sec. Gen. IRC.

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Subject : Transport for Guard Battalions.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.O.

(M.M.I.A.)

R O M E.

3/5/8 ✓

22 June 45.

To : M.M.I.A. L.O. 5 Army.

M.M.I.A. L.O. P.B.S.

M.M.I.A. L.O. P.B.S. Southern District.

1. Owing to the continued shortage of Italian Army transport in Efficient Vehicle Parks it has not yet been possible to complete to Establishment units of the 3rd and 6th Guard Regiments.
2. You are requested to investigate the present holdings of these units and to confirm or otherwise the deficiencies still outstanding listed below:

Unit	Motor Cycles		Passenger Vehicles		Load Carriers	
	War Est.	Deficiencies	War Est.	Deficiencies	War Est.	Deficiencies
3 Guards Regt.	22	5	7	-	25	8
6 Guards Regt.	12	3	5	-	15	1

SEE 41/1

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

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Note in file copy.

Holdings

1/ago	no.	4	3	3
3-	506	4	1	4
	507	3	1	3
	508	3	1	4
	509	3	1	3

6 -	49	3	5	1
	511	3	2	4
	512	3	1	5

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Subject : Transport - Ufficio Requisizioni, Comando
Genio Militare

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

6/5/45

June 15.

To : War Ministry.

1. The Control Requisitioning Office has an authorized ... of 166 All Trucks. The allocation of these officers is given at Appendix "A" which also shows the authorized scale of transport.
2. The work of these officers is being hampered by lack of transport. Their deficiency in vehicles has been aggravated by a misunderstanding which resulted in the withdrawal of some vehicles in their possession due to the fact that they were not registered and provided with a wind-screen label.
3. You will instruct Territorial A.C. concerned to make good existing deficiencies in transport as shown at Appendix "A" and will ensure that the Targa numbers of all vehicles allocated to this Department are notified to this A.C. in order that the necessary registration and issue of wind-screen labels can be effected.
4. Until such time as Italian Army vehicles can be made available the officers concerned should apply to the nearest A.M.I.A. L.C. with a view to the temporary release of captured German vehicles which it may be possible for the Allied A.C. concerned to arrange.

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Y.L. GUTTES, Ident, Col,
for Major General,
M.S.I.A.

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Copy to : 41 Claims and Hirings, S. S. (Ref. Cl./11/2/44 19 Jun 45)
A.M.I.A. " " (Ident). (For attent Lt. Col. Field).
M.S. 1 District, (For M.S.I.A. L.C.)
M.S.I.A. L.C. North Western Italy. (3 Copies).
M.S.I.A. S.T.

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Appendix "A" To M.M.I.A. letter 4/5/8 dated 22nd June, 1948.

Territorial Command	Office	WAR ESTABLISHMENT	
		Personnel	Passenger Vehicles
	WAR MINISTRY	14	1
1	TURIN	5	2
2	GENOA	5	1
3	BIELLA	10	2
4	BOLZANO	2	1
5	VERONA	5	2
6	BRESCIA	14	3
6	MODENA	6	3
7	PARMA	11	5
8	PIACENZA	8	2
8	REGGIO	19	3
9	RARI	18	2
9	COMPIGNON	12	2
9	TORINO	11	1
9	VARESE	3	2
10	CHIVASSO	5	2
10	SESTO	12	4
11	CATANIA	4	1
11	TRAPANI	2	1
Total		166	40

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Appendix "D" to H.A.L.A. Report 4/78 dated April 78

Location of Office	U.S. Vehicles	Percent Deficiency	To be supplied from	Responsible
TRINIDAD	2	2	Local Resources	No. 1
CHINA	1	1	"	No. 2
MILAN	2	2	"	No. 3
S. GERMANY	1	1	"	No. 4
VIETNAM	2	2	"	No. 5
S. GERMANY	3	(a)	"	No. 6
ARMY	3	2	"	No. 6
ROME	3	1	No. 1 H.V.L.	No. 8
PARIS	2	2	No. 1 H.V.L.	No. 9
SAI	2	2	No. 3 H.V.L.	No. 9
CANTONMENT	2	2	No. 3 H.V.L.	No. 9
TAIPEI	1	1	No. 3 H.V.L.	No. 9
YANGON	2	1	No. 3 H.V.L.	No. 9
SEATTLE	1	2	No. 2 H.V.L.	No. 10
QUENTON	2	1	No. 2 H.V.L.	No. 10
RESEARCH	1	1	Local Resources	No. 11

to M.I.A. letter of 3/8 dated 22nd Jan 49.

To be supplied from	Territorial N. responsible	Remarks
Local Resources	No. 1	(a) Have been provided with German captured vehicles by the District to be replaced by Italian Army vehicles.
"	No. 2	
"	No. 3	
"	No. 4	
"	No. 5	
"	No. 6	
"	No. 6	
No. 1 S.V.C.	No. 8	
No. 1 S.V.C.	No. 9	
No. 3 S.V.C.	No. 9	
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No. 3 S.V.C.	No. 9	
No. 3 S.V.C.	No. 9	
No. 2 S.V.C.	No. 10	
No. 2 S.V.C.	No. 10	
Local Resources	No. 11	

93 Piazza Capranica
ROME - June 16th, 1945

The Hon. Allied Commission (Transportation)

R O M E

The writer, on behalf of the Firm GIULIO FORLINI of Pescara, Province of Pescara, transport contractors of Subsidied public services operating in the Pescara district, begs to report what follows:

Sometime in July 1944, Allied Officers, apparently British stopping by the pine-wood in the vicinity of Pescara, where they remained two days, found in the said locality, where the Forlini concern had previously hidden it to avoid seizure by the Germans, a motor-bus "SPA", MERCEDES ENGINE, LICENSE No "PE 4764". Upon leaving the place the officers carried away the said motor-bus towed to a truck which bore the number 58285-12 and another number, 4427777(4922 PE) painted on the window of the driver's cabin. The vehicle on which the officers had arrived and departed bore the number 4627715 R.E.C.1.

The watchman whom the Forlini concern had entrusted with the safe keeping of the bus related that he tried to secure, but without success a receipt or certificate of seizure, very likely because he was not understood or for reasons which he could not very well explain.

The Forlini concern made in due course tentative approaches with the Command, V th. Legion (Col. Scioltz) with an object to locate their bus, and had been assured that an enquiry would have been made to that effect in order that the motor-bus as above seized might be either returned or placed under proper requisition status. However the V th. Legion Command has left without the Forlini concern having received

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Under the circumstances the Firm "Giulio Forlini" through the medium of the undersigned begs respectfully to submit the matter to the Hon. Allied Commission with an object to obtain locating their Motor-bus above described so that the property may be returned when no longer needed and at any ~~rate~~ ^{event} be placed under requisition status for any possible future claim.

The writer would be very much obliged for the acknowledgment of this writing, and remains

Very respectfully

(FRANCO MOROLI)
(Signed) F. MOROLI

Subject:- Transport - Italian P.W. Sub Commission.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
Q/5/8. ROME.
21 June 45.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference your 6/5545/Serv dated 15 June 45
requesting the issue of Italian Army transport for POW
repatriation staff.

As this staff is not carried on the
authorised establishment of the Italian Army approval can
not be given for the issue of Italian Army vehicles.

It is not understood why the necessary
transport cannot be provided from civilian sources as an
urgent Governmental service.

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

Copy to:-

AC for WMD & EPOW Sub Commission.
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RAC/fjd

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: M.M.I.A.

DATE/TIME
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TO : 54 AREA

R F : Q.372

RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO(.) YOUR ST/1128 OF 13 JUNE

N O T UNDERSTOOD(.) COMPLY WITH MY

ST/1617/21 OF 9 JUNE

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATION _____

Copy: S.T.

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Subject : Administration - 501 Guard Bn.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
Q/5/8

20 June 45.

To : 3 District (for M.M.I.A. L.O.)

1. The attached letter R/4/A/94 dated 16 Jun 45 is forwarded. Please inform O.C. Train Guard Control regarding the method by which this unit may obtain a typewriter.

2. The issue of 2 load carriers to this unit has already been approved and according to our records it is now complete to its authorised scale of transport.

R.A.C.

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

Copy to : O.C. Train Guard Control, C.M.F.

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MESSAGE FORM.

FROM : M.M.I.A.

DATE TIME
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TO : FREEDOM

RESTRICTED

REF: Q371

FOR Q MAINT FOR FIELD (.) REFER CH/41/H/44 OF 19 JUNE TO
MMIA COPY TO YOU (.) INSTRUCTIONS MENTIONED IN PARAS FOUR
AND FIVE ON WITHDRAWAL TPT NOT REPEAT NOT INITIATED BY MMIA (.)
POSITION BEING INVESTIGATED

PRECEDENCE HighAUTHENTICATION Authenticity by C-1

COPY TO : ST.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 6/5545/Serv.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 15 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Vehicles for the Independent Office for the
Repatriation of P.O.W.s.

Herewith a copy of letter A.P.W./1/16, dated 6 June, received
from H.Q., A.C.

We beg of M.M.I.A. to kindly assign to the Independent Office
for the repatriation of P.O.W.s, the vehicles requested by the
above mentioned H.Q., drawing them from Serviceable Vehicle Parks.

We point out that said assignment, in view of the duties
which the Office carries out, is of an urgent nature.

Sgd. LIUZZI

Gen.

O. Danin Cpl.

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ST/13/18

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Subject:- MT Stores for Briti Units.

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

ROM2.

Q/5/8.

17 June 45.

To:-

M.M.I.A.Lo
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Ref your 3DLO/9 of 5 June 45.

The 3 BLR certificates enclosed with your A/Q letter are returned herewith duly certified to the effect that vehicles and MT stores for maintenance of BRITISH vehicles are not available from Italian Army sources.

F. J. Noakes
F.J. NOAKES Colonel
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:- Q/OS.
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R.Em. B.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: VII/62687/RE

TO: M.M.I.A. (Col. CURTIS)

DATE: 11 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Vehicles for the Bologna Military Engineers
Requisitioning Office.

The Bologna Military Engineers Requisitioning Office, in accordance with instructions of G.O.C., 1 District, has to make assessments for the liquidation of indemnities due to the owners of real estate which has been requisitioned in the Forlì area for the construction of a concentration camp for German prisoners.

Said requisitioning has caused the evacuation, from an area of about 800 hectares, of numerous families to which, for political reasons, the Allied Authorities intend to pay immediate indemnities which must be determined on the basis of assessments made by the Bologna Military Engineers Requisitioning Office.

These assessments require numerous and frequent inspections in decentralised areas and cannot be carried out without the

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These assessments require numerous and frequent inspections in decentralised areas and cannot be carried out without the employment of an adequate number of vehicles in good running order and capable of carrying out journeys over roads whose surface is damaged for long stretches.

Since the above mentioned office is not in possession of any vehicles and in order that it can carry out the tasks entrusted to it by the G.O.C., 1 District, with the favourable opinion of the Claims and Hirings Directorate we beg of M.M.I.A. to be so kind as to assign with all urgency to said office, 3 German vehicles in good running order especially as regards the tyres.

U. Danin Cpl.

Sgd. CRIVARO

Gen.

See folio 1443
1443-1

TRANSLATION

Q/5/8.

46/1

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 12100

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 11 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Repair of vehicles by civilian firms.

For your information and approval we notify as follows:-

- 1) - H.Q.Allied Sub.commission Rome, Mine Clearance Liaison Office, submitted, in the letter of which we enclose a copy, the need for the vehicles on issue to the 562 independant Mine Clearing Company being repaired at local civilian workshops.
- 2) - This Ministry has already granted the authorisation in view of the fact that the reasons submitted fully justify the request.

Sgd. RUSSO

Gen.

O.Danin Cpl.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: H.Q., A.S-c.Rome, M.C.L.O.

REF: 200/Rm.

TO: Ministry of War

DATE: 2.6.45.

SUBJECT: Authorisation for the repair of vehicles.

Following recent instructions issued by the Allied Sub-Commission - Minefield Section, the H.Q. of the 562 Mine Clearing Company will have to operate over a huge area with detachments at a great distance from one another.

In fact, in conformity with the new orders, the Company will have Detachments at Pescara, Roccaraso, Pesaro, Bologna, and Modena.

Therefore, the said unit having absolute necessity of vehicles in a perfect state of efficiency, we ask that it be authorised to have its ~~repairs~~ vehicle repairs carried out by the local civilian workshops, direct.

The said Company is issued with few vehicles and the dispatch from Modena - Bologna- and Pescara of unserviceable vehicles would cause a serious complication in the normal duties of the Unit which is employed in clearing the mined areas of the Gothic Line.

The authorisation would have its main value in the putting back into serviceable condition of the three light trucks S.P. 47/L 39 recently taken on charge by the Company from the 17th. Eng. Company.

We enclose copies of the handing over reports of the three vehicles from which ~~it~~ can be seen the present condition of the

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FROM : M.V.I.A.

TO : DISTONE
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~REF Q344
FOR MEDIA LO(.)

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UNDERSTAND TRANSPORT URGENTLY REQUIRED BY COLONEL

C R O C I A S I WORKING WITH SLAVES AND BUSINESS

DIRECTORATE(.) IF DISTONE CAN ARRANGE RELEASE T H H E I

CAPTURED GERMAN VEHICLES THESE VEHICLES WILL BE HELD ON

CHARGE NO. 6 ADMIN TRANSPORT COMPANY BOLCCHA

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED _____

COPIES TO : WAR MINISTRY
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TRANSLATION

FROM: H.Q., A.S.-c. Rome, M.C.L.O.

REF: 200/Rm.

TO: Ministry of War

DATE: 2.6.45.

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said three vehicles and the most urgent repairs for putting them back into a serviceable condition.

Sgd. ILLEGIBLE

L.O.

O. Danin Cpl.

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FROM : M.F.I.A.

TO : DISTON~~TO : DISTON~~REF : Q141

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FOR DIA LG(.)

UNDERSTAND TRANSPORT UNEMPLOYED BY COLONEL

C R O O I A N I WORKING WITH CLAIMS AND HIRINGS

DIRECTORATE(.) IF DISTON CAN ARRANGE RELEASE T H E E E

CAPTURED GERMAN VEHICLES THESE VEHICLES WILL BE HELD ON

CHARGE NO. 6 ADMIN TRANSPORT COMPANY BELGONA

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Subject : Request for Vehicles to the
R. Aeronautica.

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

R O M E.

Q/5/8

7 June, 1945.

To : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

1. The attached correspondence from G-5, Ref. T-4 25 May and Economic Section, Ref. 53/7.08 2 June regarding the provision of 500 load carriers and 250 passenger carrying vehicles for the Italian Air Forces is passed for necessary action.

2. As the estimated present deficiency in Italian Army transport is some 600 load carriers and 100 passenger vehicles it will be appreciated that no assistance can be expected from vehicles in possession of the Italian Army.

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

Copy to : A.C. for Economic Section, Supply Division.
A.F.H.Q. for G-5.

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5215

Subject : Provision of Transport Vehicles

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

Q/5/8

6 June, 1945.

To : M.M.I.A. L.O. Naples.

1. To meet the present deficiency in No. 10 Admin. Tpt. Co. the following special arrangements are approved :
 - (a) 5 load carriers will be released forthwith from No. 2 Efficient Vehicle Park, Naples
 - (b) You are authorised to arrange direct with No. 2 Mobile Park, Naples for the next 20 load carrying vehicles reconditioned by them to be issued forthwith to No. 10 Admin. Tpt. Co. Windscreen labels to this number are being passed direct to you. Please report in due course the Targa Numbers of vehicles to which they have been affixed.
2. Reserve transport is at present fully utilised in conveying the balance of men and stores belonging to Territorial Headquarters established in the North. Some vehicles should however be available by the end of June when if your position is still unsatisfactory endeavour will be made to transfer temporarily further vehicles from No. 1 Special Transport Company.

RCS.

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

5214

Copy to : M.M.I.A.
R.O.M.E.

Subject : Vehicles - Guard Battalions

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

R O M E.

Q/5/8.

6 June, 1945.

To : M.M.I.A. L.O., 1 District.

1. Reference your LO/Q8 dated 1 June.
2. The following vehicles were recently released
To Guard Battalions as shown :-
521 Guard Battalion - 2 motor cycles
515 Guard Battalion - 1 motor cycle
3. The present deficiencies against the War Establishment of 5 motor cycles, 1 passenger vehicle, and 5 load carriers in respect of each Battalion is recorded at this Headquarters as follows :-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Motor Cycles</u>	<u>Passenger Vehicles</u>	<u>Load Carriers</u>
515 Gd. Bn.	1	1	1
520 Gd. Bn.	1	1	1
521 Gd. Bn.	3	1	4
4. These deficiencies will be made up as soon as possible.

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

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Subject : Transport for Pioneer Unit

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

R O M E.

Q/5/8.

6 June, 1945.

To : M.M.I.A. L.O. 5 ARMY, (British Increment).

1. Reference your 5LO/5/Q dated 25 May. 32/1
2. The present holding of 231 Admin. Div. as recorded at this Headquarters consists of the following vehicles :-

Motor Cycles	39
Passenger Vehicles	29
Load Carriers	81

From these it is considered that the needs of the II Bn. 400 I.P.L. Regt. can be met. There is at present a waiting list for all vehicles available for issue but if you are satisfied that 231 Div. needs a further increase every endeavour will be made to meet your recommendations in this respect.

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

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : M.M.I.A.

DATE TIME

TO : CG FIFTH ARMY

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REF: : Q.334

RESTRICTED

FOR M.M.I.A. L.O.(.) YOUR MEMO 2 JUNE TO G.4. EXEC (.)
SUBJECT VEHICLES TERRITORIAL HQ(.) SEE MY Q/5 12 MAY(.)
TERRITORIAL HQ 4 SHOULD RECEIVE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE
COMPLETE 2 ADM. TPT. COY. FROM LOCAL RESOURCES(.) ESSENTIAL
VEHICLES LOANED FOR THEIR MOVE BE RETURNED SOME EARLIEST(.)
ANY VEHICLES ALLOCATED TO BE REPORTED TERRITORIAL HQ 2 WHO
ARE RESPONSIBLE MAKING UP 2 ADM. TPT. COY. AND MEETING NEEDS
TERRITORIAL HQ 4(.) PROPOSE FORMING ADM. TPT. COY. FOR USE
TERRITORIAL HQ 4 AT LATER DATE

PRECEDENCE ImmediateAUTHENTICATION Major [Signature]

Internal:- S.T.

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TRANSLATION

ITALIAN MILITARY TERRITORIAL HQ #4
- B O L Z A N O -

Ref. N° 02/215/Serv.

P.M. 114,29 May 1945

Subject : Needs of Territorial HQ #4

To : C.G., 5th Army (through Italian Liaison, C-4, 5th Army)

Following urgent needs of this HQ are pointed out :

Clothing : Several men have arrived at BOLZANO with their clothing in a bad shape. As in this area the order and the cleanness of the soldier have a character of particular importance, it is requested authority to have from the clothing depot of VILLANO 200 clothing sets. Moreover 600 clothing sets are needed for the partisans of "Alto Adige" who, as by authority of the military Governor of BOLZANO, will remain on duty for assisting the mopping up of German prisoners. Request you issue the necessary instructions as the depot is guarded by American troops.

Vehicles : Territorial HQ # 4 has arrived to BOLZANO with only 3 trucks and one car which is to be sent back to Rome, as by order received from IDIA. For performing its various tasks (officers to be sent for inspection, draw supplies) this HQ should have vehicles at its own disposal. As the Ministry of War has not been able to provide them, assignment of the following vehicles is requested :

4 cars
12 trucks

to be taken from stocks formerly belonging to the Italian Army, possibly from the vehicle park of BRISARONE. This HQ will provide to put into operation the vehicles which will be granted.

(SBN) GIACOMO NEGRI
General, Commanding.

S I G N A L

FROM : M.W.I.A.

Date Time
6/5/8 1705 D

TO : M.W.I.A. L.O. SABINIA.

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IN REPLY Y.466 1st JUNE.(.) LOAN OF TRUCKS NOT APPROVED (.)
ALL TRUCKS AWAITING SHIPMENT URGENTLY NEEDED IN EFFICIENT
STATE OF MAINLAND (.) NO OBJECTION TRANSFER OF 400 IRON
COTS ON TERMS TO BE ARRANGE WITH WAR MINISTRY (.)

PRECEDENCE

Important

AUTHENTICATED

Authenticity to be

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MESSAGE FORM

(36)

FROM : M.M.I.A.
TO : DISTHREE
REF : Q. 320

DATE TIME
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FOR M.M.I.A. L.O.(.) REFERENCE H.G. 408 DATED 30 MAY(.)
NOTED(.) WILL ISSUE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE

PRECEDENCE PriorityAUTHENTICATION Approved

RAC/fem

5208

Subject : Ford V.8 - Requisitioned Car No. R.E. Q 675.

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

R O M E.

Q/5/8

31. May, 1945.

To : 3/Lt. P.D. McMillan,
Navy Sub Commission.

1. Reference your verbal enquiry as to whether the War Ministry will agree to de-requisition the above car in order ~~that~~ it may be returned to the Sorima Company.
2. This car has been properly requisitioned and is in charge of the War Ministry Admin. Transport Company. It is assigned at present to H.E. Count Casati, Minister for War.
3. The Italian Army is at present deficient of more than 600 motor vehicles against their approved establishment of transport. It is therefore regretted that no vehicles at present already on charge can be returned to their civilian owners.

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

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5207

Translation

From: SMRE

Ref : 6/4696

To : MMIA

Date: May 26, 1945.

Subject: Vehicle for HQ 802nd Reinforcements transit Camp (Orvieto)

The Allied car at the disposal of the Orvieto Reinforcements Transit Camp is unserviceable, owing to an accident.

The representative of the local British Cadre has already pointed out the need for the substitution of said vehicle to the Allied authorities concerned.

Up to now, no reply has been received in regard to this.

Bearing in mind that:

- it is advisable and necessary to ensure disciplinary command of the Training Camp;

- the camp in question is commanded by a colonel who was seriously wounded last year while fighting with the Italian Corps of Liberation under the 8th Army's command, and who still suffers from the wound;

this SMRE begs MMIA to approach the Allied authorities in question in order to obtain the assignment of a car or at least a light vehicle for said camp.

(Sgd) Col. (Illegible)

for

Gen. Liuzzi

Cpl. VDC

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SUBJECT : E.L.S.Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X500/6

22 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Further to your N.6/3172 of 20 Apr and the resultant plan submitted by you. Please submit to this H.Q. a proposed War Establishment based on your proposals. This unit when formed will be carried in Category 1(c).
2. It is suggested that the organisation be on the basis of a Company with Sections, these sections could then be attached to the Territorial H.Q. where the distances involved are too great for attachment to ROME.
3. A separate instruction will be issued by this H.Q. showing from which source the motorcycles and small vehicles will be found.
4. The War Establishment should be submitted in the normal way showing trades, ranks, etc.
5. Please treat as urgent as this service is now badly required.

*70 motor cycle
5 light car
R59*

Calverley
W. CALVERLEY, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject:- Armoured Fighting Vehicles.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

ROME

3/5/8

21 May 45.

To: A.F.H.Q. for attention C.A.O.

1. As a result of the repair work which has been proceeding in Italian Army Workshops at NAPLES and in SARDINIA, there are a number of Armoured Fighting Vehicles awaiting disposal;

The present position is as under:-

	<u>Held Efficient for Issue</u>	<u>Awaiting repair.</u>
Sardinia:	1 Italian Light Tank 67 Italian Medium Tanks 15 French Medium Tanks	6 French Medium Tanks (Doubtful whether can be repaired)
Naples:	50 Italian Light Tanks 36 Italian Medium Tanks	3 Italian Light Tanks 7 Italian Medium Tanks.

2. Instructions as to the disposal of the above mentioned tanks is awaited.

3. All repair work on tanks has been suspended. Please confirm this action.

RAC

H.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.

For Major General.

M.M.I.A.

See Folio 76

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Subject:- request for M.Ts.

Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.

(M.H.F.A.)

RONG

9/5/8

17 May 45.

To: Ministry of War.

Reference your 6/415 dated 14 May 45.

See this H.Q. letter No. 9/5 dated 12 May 45, which sets out the method by which it is hoped Admin. Tpt. Coys. will be made up to strength.

R.A.

R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
FOR MAJOR GENERAL
M.H.F.A.

RAC/fon

5203

Subject : Transport for Finance Guards.

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

Q/5/8

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May 1945.

To / War Ministry.

1. Reference your 6/3677/54RE dated 4 May. In view of the present ~~inadequacy~~ of Italian Army Transport the provision of vehicles for the Finance Guard from Army sources cannot be approved.

2. If you can arrange for a vehicle at present in possession of the Finance Guard to be made available for the Italian Army you may arrange for an Army vehicle to be placed at the disposal of the Finance Guard's Headquarters at Cagliari. Meanwhile an army vehicle may be provided on loan for a period not exceeding one month to the Cagliari H.Q.

R.A.C.

R.A. CURTIS, Lt; Colonel,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : M.M.I.A. L.O., Sardinia.

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TRANSLATION

FROM S.M.R.B.
TO M.M.I.A.

REF. NO. 6/4115
DATE 14/5/45

Request for M/Ts.

Ref. to conversation between L/Col ALCIA and Major PAPINEAU

As it is known the BOLOGNA military territorial command have only 5 lorries at their disposal

All the researchs made in the area to recover cars previously belonging to the Italian army, have given negative results

Major VAN KIRK ??? who is in BOLOGNA has realised the critical situation of this command and has promised his full support and help so that M.M.I.A. intervene to obtain an adequate no. of M/Ts. from the vehicles recovered north of the river PO and already in possession of the army concerned

We beg you to inform us of the steps taken

LIUZZI

R.A.G. Mansfield

x as above

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Q/5/8

War Min

Ref x

See this HQ letter No Q/5 dated 12 May 45
which sets out the method by which it
is hoped Admin. the logs will be
made up to strength

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TRANSLATION

From: M/w
To: M.M.I.A.

Ref: 9602/05841
Date: 7/5/45

Subject: Authorisation to civilians to draw materials existing in
Military Depots.-

We point out for information, that, on the 23rd of April 1945 PISCITELLI VITTORIO, reported to CATANZARO SALA Workshop Park, bearer of an authorization signed by Sergeant Henry A. SILVER (enc. 1) to withdraw materials listed in the statement released by PISCITELLI (enc. 2).-

The said withdrawal has been refused owing to the intervention of Col. BALANZINO of this General Directorate, who was on a tour of inspection of the said Park, since it was an issue to civilians which is normally forbidden.

This information is sent to you for whatever action you may deem advisable to take.-

ERRERA.R.

Signed: Gen: FROFERZJ.

SEE 27.

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Translation

I PISCITELLI Vittorio di Ugualele, domiciliated at Apruliano (Cossiga), have reported on the 23/4/45 to the 31st Section M.T. Park of Catanzaro Sala to withdraw the under listed materials:

- Complete gear box for Bianchi Mules
- Back axle complete with differential - brake drums for Bianchi Mules
- Complete clutch for Fiat 153.

a/m materials must be fitted on the lorry FIAT 153, plate N° 221634 belonging to 16th SCORDO - VIGI fu Pietro domiciliated at ROCCA di NETO (Catanzaro), who appointed me as his trustee.

The lorry in question has been hired from the 23/8/41 by the Allied Command "H.Q. 800 Engineer Trenching Coy. A.P.O 482 U.S. Army" for which at p. he runs exclusively at present. Said lorry must be transformed, in respect of the particular use on the highly dislevelled roads of the SICILIA, from chain transmission to gear transmission. This is

the reason for which the a/m materials must be withdrawn. The withdrawal has been ordered by the a/m Allied Command and has been authorised by Gen. CANISTRA Domenico, c/o of CATANZARO Military Garrison.

I state finally that, I came to CATANZARO, expressly for the a/m withdrawal complying ^{with} to orders of the Allied Command by which I am employed, and bearer of the authorisation, previously mentioned, of which a copy is attached.

Therefore, I am asking to carry out the withdrawal, if necessary an repayment on a sum to be stipulated, and in case it is impossible, I am asking to be given a written detailed statement, in order to clear my responsibility towards a/m Allied Command. Signed PISCITELLI V.

8/2/47

1. Relation

From : SMRE
To : MMIA

Ref. : 6/3677/Serv
Date : 4 May 45

Subject : Request for the assignment of a vehicle.

Through its own General Hq., the Cagliari Finance Guards Territorial Legion Hq. has requested the assignment of a car for its own requirements, as it does not not have a suitable vehicle to carry out its service.

In consideration of the fact that said Legion Hq. has jurisdiction over all of Sardinia, this S.M. ~~XXXXXX~~ expresses its favorable opinion, and begs you to examine the possibility of granting it a car from one of those available at the place. The vehicle could be issued for temporary use or in any manner that the MMIA believes to be most suitable.

(Sgd) Liuzzi

Cpl VDC

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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.S.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
Q/5/8

14 May, 1945.

To : No. 3 District. (for M.M.I.A. I.O.)

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Reference your HT373 dated 30 April. No transport
can be allotted to I.O's such as you mention from Italian
Army sources.

RAC

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

/DGE

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

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14 May 45.

To : War Ministry.

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1. Reference your 8788 dated 26 April. Instructions have already been issued to the M.M.I.A. L.O. at Naples that old bicycles may be released as recommended by you.

2. Attention is drawn to your para. 3 which appears to conflict with you para. 4 in that although the machines you refer to are said to be in a very bad condition it is proposed to charge these civilian workmen a sum of 1000 lire for such machines.



R.A. CURTIES, Lt.Colonel.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

/DSC

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Subject: W.E. Transport for Italian Refugee Camp Staffs.
W.E. No. 506/SMRE/1 - 507/SMRE/1.

Land Forces Sub Comm. .AC.
 (M.M.I.A.)
 ROME
 Q/5/8
 14 May 45.

To: H.Q. A.C.
Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub Comm.

Ref: (17)

1. The number of vehicles required is noted and agreed, viz:-

	<u>M/C</u>	<u>Pass/Vehs</u>	<u>Load Carriers.</u>
H.Q.	3	4	2
Each Refugee Camp	1	1	
Total required	8	9	2
Present deficiencies	5	6	—

2. Available vehicles are being released against a priority list and your requirements will be met as soon as possible.

RAC

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

COPY M.M.I.A. - S.T.

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(22)

Subject : Transport for Mine Clearance Units.

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

ROME.

Q/5/8 ✓

14 May, 1945.

To : A.C. (for Civil Affairs Section).

1. Every endeavour will be made to complete the following units to full scale in transport at the earliest possible date :

561 Mine Clearing Coy.
563 " " "
564 " " "

Instructions should be issued to these units to make application direct to the nearest W.M.I.A. L.O. if they need a replacement for a vehicle sent in for repair. Such action should be additional to the routine application to the War Ministry. So far as possible priority will be given to maintaining these units up to scale.

R.A. Curties

R.A. CURTIES, Lt.Colonel,
for Major General,
W.M.I.A.

Copy to : F. S. T. 3.

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SIGNAL MESSAGE.

FROM: W.M.I.A.
TO: L.C. Sardinia
Pensacola.
REF: C.264

DATE TIME
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FOR W.M.I.A. L.C.(.) REPORT NUMBER OF TANKS BY TYPES ONE
HELD EFFICIENT FOR ISSUE TWO AWAITING REPAIR (.) SUSPEND ALL
REPAIR WORK ON TANKS PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

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PROCEED ENT _____

AUTHENTICATION _____

Internal: R.E.M.E.

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM : NOLA
 TO : 54 ABIA
 DTG: 1203/524

FOR INFO LO (.) ADVISE TO TELEPHONE BUREAU - UNIT 100000 (.) CONFIRMING
 RECENT INFO RE THIS CASE FOR THE INFORMATION OF STAFF AND FIVE LONGSTANDING
 CONTACTED BY 524 BUREAU FROM BUREAU INFO ON 16 APRIL (.) TO VITAM'S WIFE FOR
 GUEST N/24 FOR 3 MONTHS FOR 524 CASE IN CONTACTED 21 APRIL. THIS CASE
 ALSO NOW IN PROGRESS THIS IS (.) PLEASE NOTE RECENT CASE OF COMPLAINT
 BY THIS UNIT

APPROVED _____
 REVIEW _____
 AUTHENTICATION _____

RECEIVED: 

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Translation

From : SMRE -

To : MMIA

Subject : Request for the assignment of an automobile to the
1st Mil. Terr. Command (Torino).

Ref. : 6/3676

Date : 3 May 45

Owing to the coming move to the north of the 1st Mil. Terr. Command, we beg you to examine the possibility of assigning an automobile from one of the Efficient Vehicles Parks to its Commanding General.

With the occasion, we beg to point out:

- that the a/m Command does not have any automobiles;
- that in order not to impoverish the already scarce availability of automobiles at the Efficient Vehicles Parks, the Ministry could purchase an automobile for said Command, if MMIA would give its authorization.

Cpl VDO

(sgd) Liuzzi

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PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT TRANSPORTH.Q. ITALIAN REFUGEE CAMPS AND ITALIAN REFUGEE CAMP STAFFS

WE NO. 506/SMRE/1 - 507/SMRE/1.

UNITS		Motor cars	Motor trucks	Motor cycles	NOTES
H.Q. Italian Camps (506/SMRE/1)		4 (a)	2 (b)	3 (c)	(a) 1 for the Commandant 2 for the Military Office 1 for Refugee Office (b) for general service and the transport of miscellaneous material to the Nuclei (c) Couriers
Italian Refugee Camp Staffs (507/SMRE/1)					
'A' Group	1)	1 (d)	-	1 (e)	(d) For the Officer charged with the disciplinary and administrative supervision of the Group
	2)				
	3)				
	4)				
'B' Group	1)	1 (d)	-	1 (e)	(e) For the Sergeant Major acting as courier for the above Officer
	2)				
	3)				
	4)				
'C' Group	1)	1 (d)	-	1 (e)	
	2)				
	3)				
	4)				

2) 3) 4)	(d) For the Officer charged with the disciplinary and administrative supervision of the Group				(e) For the Sergeant Major acting as courier for the above Officer			
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'B' Group	1) 2) 3) 4)	1) (d)	-	1) (e)				
'C' Group	1) 2) 3) 4)	1) (d)	-	1) (e)				
'D' Group	1) 2) 3) 4)	1) (d)	-	1) (e)				
'E' Group	1) 2) 3) 4)	1) (d)	-	1) (e)				
		9	2	8				5150
<u>TOTAL</u>								
Vehicles on charge as at 3 May 1945.		3	2	3				
Required to implement proposed WE.		6	-	5				

(15)

Subject : Transport for Army Chaplains.

Head Person Sub Comm. A.C.B.
(M.H.I.A.)
H.O.H.
1/5/48

28 April 48.

War Ministry

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Ref : your 5/171, dated 20th of April 48.

1. The necessity for providing Army Chaplains with sufficient transport to enable them to visit the Units under their spiritual care is fully recognised. It must be appreciated however that it is not possible at present to provide additional vehicles for this purpose. Such transport as is needed must be provided from the formations in which these Chaplains are serving. It is most desirable that the attention of the commanding Officers concerned be directed to the necessity of including Chaplains in their allocation of transport.

2. This transport should be provided as under :-
- (a) In territorial Commands.
From the Admin..Transport Companies concerned.
 - (b) In Combat Groups.
From British Transport vehicles already in possession ; no Italian transport should be assigned. This also includes the WTC ICF.
 - (c) In Admin. Divs.
From transport already at the disposal of the Admin..Div.Hq.
 - (d) In Gendarmerie.
From transport at the disposal of the Divisional Commander.

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Copy to : "A" Branch

WMA 10, Fifth Army, } For
Br. Inq. } attention
WMA 10, Fifth Army } para 10

Recd.

H.A. BENTON, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
M.H.I.A.

RAC/fo

TRANSLATION

FROM: War Ministry

REF: 8788

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 26th. April 1945.

SUBJECT: Issue of derelict bicycles.

The Naples M.T. Repair Directorate asks for authorisation to issue the derelict bicycles, lying in the Agnano unserviceable materials stores, to the civilian workmen of the repairs workshops of the 2nd. Unit.

The issue is justified by the difficulties of transport and the distance of the workshops of the 2nd. Unit from the residential area.

Each derelict bicycle would be issued at the price of 1000 lire and the reconditioning would be carried out by the workmen.

We approach M.M.I.A. on the matter and request your approval of the request submitted by the above mentioned Repair Directorate, adding that this Ministry is in favour of the issue since the derelicts referred to are in a very bad condition and their reconstruction is considered to be uneconomical.

Sgd. PROPERZJ!

Gen.

C. Danin Cpl.

yes RAC.
10 May

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SEE 24
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SUBJECT : Tpt for British Officers with Garibaldi Inf. Regt.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M B
Q/5/8

26 April 45
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TO : RAAC for G4 (Br)

Reference AMHQ signal FX64795 dated 24 April 45
and conversation PRIEST-PARDELL.

There will be four British officers and one BOWO
attached to the Garibaldi Inf Regt.

It is requested that you issue them with one
15 cwt truck and 3 m/cs which will later be handed over
to the Rgt.

Please notify F BLU RTC ICF when vehicles allotted
may be collected.

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

Copy : F BLU

RAC/lm

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Tel-BARI I3869

Subject:- Assignment of vehicle.

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Liasion Office,
Land Forces Sub Comm;
A.C. (MMIA).

Q/5/8.
Ref. IO/19/AQ

25 April 45

TO:- HQ. Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA). ✓

1. Request that one (1) passenger vehicle be assigned to Centro Regionale Recuperi, BARI, for the use of the regional director, Capt. Bartone, in the inspection of the various repair shops.
2. It is essential that Capt. Bartone have some means of transportation in order to efficiently carry out his duties. It is not practical for him to rely on load carrying vehicles, or MMIA transportation, as he is forced to do under the present conditions.
3. It is noted that there are several passenger vehicles in No. 3 efficient vehicle park, at present unassigned. If one of these vehicles cannot be assigned to Centro Regionale Recuperi, BARI, can five tires be released to equip a Fiat 1100, which Territorial Hq. has authority to requisition. (re. attached copy of S.M.R.E. letter 6/1857/Serv. of 6/3/45).
4. An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

IVP/cep

NA

ABC

Ira V. Fordyce
Ira. V. Fordyce, Capt.
For Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
Eastern Italy.

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SUBJECT : E.L.S.Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

X500/6

24 Apr 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference your 6/3172 of 20 Apr 45. The main object of this service would be to speed up communications between the Italian Territorial HQ/

Consideration, when planning, should be given to extending the service to include the North of Italy.

2. There would appear to be some slight misunderstanding regarding the supply of motorcycles. As this would be an Italian service under Category 1 (c) the motorcycles should be found from Italian sources.

W. CALVELEY, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Q2

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RAC

25 Apr

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SUBJECT : Army Transport = Use by Civilians

Land Forces Sub Comm.AC.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/5/8

29 April 45
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TO : AC for Executive Commissioner

Ref your 15.07/ES 18 April 45.

Under the provisions of AFHQ Circular No 5, 1945, no Italian Army vehicles can be given to civilians, by the Prime Minister or any-one else.

Please also see our letter ST/1001 of 20 April, addressed to the Italian Government, copy to you.

It may be possible for the School to obtain one of the vehicles not suitable for military use, if and when any become available. The Army does not have sufficient transport for its own needs and deficiencies must be made up from Allied Sources. Every vehicle which is available is issued to units of the Italian Army on a priority established by AFHQ.

(K)
C.F. KERR Col.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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CPK/lm

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Subject: Transport for Italian Refugee Camp Staffs -
P.S. No. 506/SMRE/1 - 507/SMRE/1.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) R O M S
✓5/8

23 April 1945

To: Displaced Persons and Repatriations
Sub-Commission A.C.

Ref your SMRE/1/9 of 4 April 1945.

1. This HQ ST/1107 of 13 Mar is cancelled.
2. It is agreed that vehicles in possession of the Italian Military Staff while engaged on this duty be provided from Army sources.
3. It is necessary that they be brought on the establishment of the Units concerned.
4. Please state to which Units they are assigned and submit your minimum requirements on which a proposal to create a WE can be based.
5. Those concerned with the maintenance of this transport should be informed that they may apply for assistance as necessary to the nearest Italian Territorial HQ who are acquainted with the repair and replacement facilities now available.

RAC/1c

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

Copy to: ST MHA
RAC/1c

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5183

From: S.M.R.E.

To: MMIA

Translation

Ref. No. 6/3174

Date: April 20, 1945

Subject: Transport for Army chaplains.

It is my earnest and heartfelt desire to intensify the activities and develop the functions of Army chaplains, in the firm conviction that especially at this moment their work and mission represents - in the field of spiritual assistance and by reflection also in the moral and disciplinary sphere - an effective and necessary contribution accruing both to the benefit of the Army and the country.

To achieve this end, and similar to what is being done in the Allied Armies, I deem it essential to equip at least part of the Army chaplains with a means of transport of their own (passenger car or motorcycle) ~~confering~~ conferring upon them that independence and mobility which are primary and essential factors in the performance and practical realization of the important mission with which they are entrusted.

I am fully aware of the difficulties which will have to be met if this end is to be attained. I am, therefore, of necessity, confining my request to the possibility of allotting light vehicles only to the senior chaplains of large units. In addition to administering personally to the spiritual needs of small units and detachments having no Army chaplain, and in order to exercise their guiding, supervisory and coordinating functions among subordinate chaplains and keep up the necessary contacts with the central authorities, these senior chaplains are in greater need of a means to move about and travel rapidly, and only if this is made possible can their activity be regarded as really effective and constructive. 5182

In the attached table I have indicated which - in my opinion - are the commands and, therefore, the means of transport which should be allotted for use by senior

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chaplains.

Trusting that the motive which prompts me to make the above request will be understood and supported by Allied authorities, I am confident that this matter will receive your favorable and benevolent consideration.

Signed: Gen. Bruce Rones
Chief of Staff

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Enclosure pertaining to letter

No. 6/3174 dated April 20, 1945

S. M. R. E.

Service Division - M.T. Section

Table of Commands for which a means of transport
is requested in favor of senior Army chaplains.

Army Territorial Commands of Rome, Naples, Bari, Palermo and Florence (excluding, for the time being, the other Com- mands now pending)	5
Italian Command 212	1
H.Q.'s of the "Cremosa", "Friuli", "Legnano", "Mantova" and "Folgore" Combat Groups	5
H.Q.'s of 205 TH , 209 TH , 210 TH , 222 TH , 228 TH , 230 TH , and 231 ST Administrative Divisions	7
H.Q. C.A.C.F.I.C.	1
H.Q. "Calabria" Internal Security Division (for Sardinia)	1
	<u>Total: 20</u>

HEAD EASTERN ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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15.07/ES

18 April 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION:

1. Attached is translation of letter dated 2 April 1945 which the Chief Commissioner has received from Brothers of the Christian Schools, Via S. Sebastiano, 3, Rome.

2. You will note that apparently the Prime Minister had issued instructions whereby an Italian army motor vehicle was to be turned over. However, it seems that this was not done as the turn-over had to be approved by Allied Commission. It is assumed that authority from MIA was required, which has not been forthcoming. It is requested that you check into this matter and state whether or not under existing regulations and conditions an Italian army truck can be turned over by virtue of the Prime Minister's authority.

3. For your information the load-carrying vehicles which are coming in from the States are not available for distribution.

4. A report is requested which can be used as a basis of reply.

J. M. Stearns
NORMAN M. STEARNS
Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner

See folio 9.

Incl - per para 1.

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23 Apr

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BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Rome, 9th April 1945

Via S. Sebastianello, 3

Rome

To: H. E. Stone, Chief Commissioner, A.C., Rome

The Pontifical Institute of Christian Schools, having need to see the requirements of their Institutes in Liberated Italy on the 26th December 1944 wrote to the President of the Council of Ministers asking for a lorry with trailer, even one in bad repair.

The President of the Council sent on said request to the Minister of War asking him to see to the matter. (Letter of the President of the Council No. 25258/23569/2.5 of 12th January 1945).

The Minister of War in his letter No. 94/E/R of the 5th February 1945 informed us to go and choose one.

When we went consequently to the motor-park in the Via Guido Reni, to carry out the formalities necessary for getting in possession of said motor-vehicle, we were told that it was no longer possible as the allocation of said means of transport had been turned over to the A.C.

The enormous damage suffered by our numerous Institutes in Italy through the war and bombing and the need of seeing to the supplying of a great number of children, young people and religious bodies as well as the transportation of the goods required for repairing our houses, force us to turn to your Excellency so that you may give orders that the request of this Pontifical Institute be granted and we be allocated definitely the lorry with trailer in question or one of those that the United States has sent to Italy.

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This is not a matter of private interest, Your Excellency, but one which would benefit a Religious Institute which every year gives to the country and to Society thousands of your professionals-artists, magistrates, workmen, etc., who would all be ready to testify to the usefulness of an Institute such as ours, which is esteemed and appreciated all over the world, not excluding America where particularly in the United States we direct important schools, orphanages, and institutes and military colleges.

Trusting that Your Excellency will accede to our request, I thank you in the name of thousands of children, orphans, etc., who will benefit by this act.

Yours very sincerely,

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Object:- Tpt for 1st Gds. Regt.

Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)
R O M E
2/5/8

18 April 45.

H.Q. 2 District (by hand Maj. BIRD)
H.Q. 59 Area (by hand Lt. WARD)

1. Ref. telephone conversation 4/3 59 Area - AQMG M.F.I.A.
It is understood the present position of 1st Gds Regt tpt is:

	Efficient	Inefficient	Total	W/L
a/c	10	9	19	17
Passenger Vehs.			2	6
Under 1 ton	3	3	33	20
Load carriers.	15			

The figures given under W/L represent the maximum scale to which all Guard Regts and Bns are being equipped in present entitlement of 1 Gds Regt M.F.I. and 502,503 and 509 Bns.

2. From load carriers in possession it should be possible to make up the deficiency of 4 Passenger vehicles (staff cars not being available). In efficient vehicles should be returned to HQ Repair Unit ROMF as soon as possible. Issues to above scale will be made first priority from Efficient Veh. Park ROMF.

3. 59 Area are requested to confirm by signal when all inefficient vehicles have been returned and to notify deficiencies if any by types on 28 April.

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

Copy to:- S.C. MIA
R.O.M.E. MIA

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D. B/F with forms for Maj P.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 394
 DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

(71317)

DFR/1/2.

Tel. 489081 Ext. 414

4 April 1945.

SUBJECT : Transport for Italian Refugee Camp Staffs - WE No. 506/SIRE/1
 507/SIRE/1.

TO : Land Forces S.C. (LMIA). ✓

1. Reference your ST/1107 of 19 March 1945.
2. It is requested that this order be reconsidered by your H.Q., as the withdrawal of the few vehicles now in possession of the Italian Military Staff of approx 1000 will seriously affect their internal administration.
3. This Sub-Commission is seriously short of transport and no vehicles can be made available from A.C. sources to replace the essential vehicles of the Italian Staff if withdrawn.
4. The units of the Italian Refugee Camp Staffs are widely dispersed in liberated Italy and in the A.M.G. areas and constant supervision by the G.C. of these units is essential.
5. The Sub-Commission plan for N. Italy provides for an additional 2000 Italian Military, and without transport their usefulness and efficiency will be impaired.
6. The W/E for personnel has been approved and implemented and it is requested that you indicate whether a proposed W/E for transport will be considered by your H.Q.-

For the Director.

[Signature]
 C.F. FOTHERGILL,
 Lt. Colonel,
 Jr. Deputy Director.

Copy to: G-1 (B).
 G-11 It.

G & T. Mails

Recd

5 April

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ST/1107

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Subject: Transport - Demanda For.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.G.
(M. N. I. A.) R O M E
2/5/8

6 Mar 1945

1. As a result of the reorganisation of Italian Army Tpt now proceeding there are being formed four special G.T. Coys, which will remain at present under direct MMIA control.

These will be located at -

ROME
NAPLES
BARI
CATANZARO

2. Of the above the Coy at ROME is available for duty. Demanda will be submitted 48 hrs in advance to Q2 on Pro Forma attached at App. "A". Only one copy is required.
3. Instructions concerning control of remaining Coys will be issued later to all concerned.

RAC/10

R. A. Curries
R.A. CURRIES, Lt. Col.
A.G.M.C. (Q2)
M.M.I.A.

DISTRIBUTION:

All Branches and Services
MMIA LO Naples
MMIA LO Bari
MMIA LO Taranto
Ministry of War

(Demanda for tpt which can NOT be met by the G.T. Coys allocated to Ministry of War and Territorial HQ, may be submitted to Q2 by Ministry of War through appropriate Service at MMIA, who will endorse it if approved as an urgent necessity.

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App "A" to 9/5/8
dated 6 Mar 45.

Ref

REQUISITION FOR TPT

Date

1.

- a. Branch
- b. No. of vehicles required
- c. Details of load (to include approx weight)
- d. Where tpt required to report (full address)
- e. To whom to report (Name and/or designation of individual)
- f. Date and time required to report
- g. Arrangements made for escort (giving details of where escort is to be collected and where dropped)
- h. Where load is to be delivered
- i. Date essential delivery completed
- j. Any instructions for backload
- k. Any special instructions

Signature

m.

g. Arrangements made for escort (giving details of where escort is to be collected and where dropped)

h. Where load is to be delivered

i. Date essential delivery completed

k. Any instructions for backload

l. Any special instructions

m. Signature

n. Approved Lt. Col.
AGNO 22.

IL (For ST use)
ST 1212.

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To: Reference your demand for rpt. No. detail vehicles have been detailed as under.

No. of vehicles

Reported as required at on

Remarks

Date (Signed) A.D.S.T.

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