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Q/5/9 M.T. TYRES + Spare Parts

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SUBJECT : Use of Allied Tyres by Italian Military Vehicles

(M.M.I.A.)

ROMB

3/5/9

18 October 1945

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TO : M.M.I.A. IO, Naples
(for Major Truscott)

Ref: your SDU/150 dated 10 October 1945.

1. The Allied authorities have recently sold to the Italian Government a large number of Allied tyres and the War Ministry also have, for some time, been receiving such tyres.
2. It is impossible therefore to say whether Allied tyres found on vehicles have been obtained legally or illegally.
3. As far as this H.Q. is concerned, the policy is that, should any Italian Army vehicles be found in possession of Allied tyres, if the vehicle is in possession of the necessary windshield label, then it can be taken that

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W. J. L. L.
Major General 5/125
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(H.M.I.A.)

Copy to :

S. & P.

M/ra

Subject:- M.T. Supplies.

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

9/5/9
24 September, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference your 20441/DL/015678 dated 22 Sep 45.

The letter ST/26 dated 6 Sep 45 from M.M.I.A. L.C. BAKI to No. 9 Repairs Unit was sent whilst Major Truscott, our transport Liaison Officer, was absent. Now he has returned, the system will continue and he will countersign authorities for issues of tyres.

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

Copy to:-

R.E.M.E.

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015678

Dtd : 22 Sep 45

The 9th Repair Unit (ex 3rd) at Bari, informs us that the Allied Liaison Officer of 54 Area - in letter, copy of which is enclosed herewith- has ordered the suspension of despatching, for approval, of Form C, prescribed for the registration of tyres of repaired vehicles and the changes upon vehicles in use.

Since such an order is contrary to the instructions issued by MMIA, we beg you to inform us whether it can be considered valid, ^{in respect of} regarding the 9th Repair Unit, and, ^{under} in the ~~XXXXXX~~ affirmative, ^{it} would ~~be~~ not be advisable to extend the same ^{procedure} information to all the Repair Units.

For the Chief Departmental
Director

sgd illegible.




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Subject:- Release of Tyres.

Land Forces Sub Commission S.C.
(M. M. I. A.) RCMG.
9/5/9
3 September, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War. (Direzione Generale Artiglieria
e Motorizzazioni)

1. Arrangements have been made for the release of
325 x 19 covers, quantity 60 (Authority AFHQ/8200/6/3(AS) dated
30 Aug 45).

2. You will instruct the Central Stores Depot to
have the tyres collected immediately from 35 Advance Ordnance
Depot, Ancona and forward to this H.Q. copy of release voucher. 88.

RAE

R. A. CUSTIS Lt. Col.
Major General.
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:-

35 Adv. Ordnance Depot, Ancona.
R.S.M.R.
SIGG.

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Subject : Tyres, release of.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,

(S.M.I.A.)

30 M.E.

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29. August, 1945.

To : A.C. for Commerce Sub Commission (Tyres Section).

1. The stock position of tyres in the Italian Army has been progressively deteriorating and is now serious.

Pending a decision as to the future maintenance responsibility for the Army neither tyres nor tyre repair materials can be released from Allied sources.

At the same time the Italian Government does not possess the resources necessary to make an attempt to provide the interior needs of the Army.

2. Release of spare parts of Italian origin for M.T. vehicles has been made to civilian interests from stocks surplus to the Italian Army requirements : AC/5069/1/Commerce 13 Aug refers.

As a reciprocal arrangement and pending provision from Allied sources it is requested some assistance be forthcoming from stocks of tyres taken over in the North and under A.C. control.

3. The following represents an urgent demand made by Territorial H.Q., MILAN which can not be met from Army stocks.

- Fiat 500	400 x 15 copertoni n°.	20 camere d'aria n°.	20
- Fiat 508	450 x 17	"	10
- Fiat 1100	500 x 15	"	70
- Fiat 1500	550 x 15	"	40
- Fiat 626	210 x 15	"	20
- Lancia Aprilia 165 x 400	"	"	20
		"	6

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- Fiat 626	240 x 15	"	20
- Lancia Aprilia	165 x 400	"	20
- Lancia Ardea	145 x 400	"	6
- Alfa Romeo	550 x 18 rinvorzi.	"	2

May all or some of these be released to M.A.I.A. I.O., MILAN?

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

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Subject: Prop - release ofLand Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. I. I. A.)

RONE.

1/8/9

28 August 1945.

To:-

A. F. M. (QAF)

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Reference your AFM/8200/6/1(A3) dated

24 Aug 45.

As size 335 x 48 can be utilized in lieu of the sizes required it is requested that 60 covers be made available.

May this M.I. be informed where they can be obtained when arrangements will be made for prompt collection.

The need for the proposed A.I.F. organization to be fully implemented is of increasing urgency.

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

copy to:-

A.F.M.S.
RONE.

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Subject:- Tyres.

Q/S/9, (84/1)
M.M.I.A. L.O.
N.W. Italy,
MILAN.

Phone: MILAN 13989.

MMI/3/2.

25 Aug 45.

To : Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
M.M.I.A. ROME.

1. The att request for tyres from 3 Terr H.Q. is forwarded herewith.
2. AMG Lombardy are not prepared to release civilian tyres to the Italian Army, but it is understood that this question has already been taken up on a higher level at H.Q. MMIA.
3. Terr. H.Q. Milan have been informed to resubmit their request, through normal channels, to the Ministry of War.

J. Bud
Major,
Sr. MMIA L.O.
N.W. Italy.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Subject: Tyres - Release of.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 855

AFHQ/8200/6/Q(AE)

24 Aug 45

✓ Land Forces Sub Commission AC (NMIA),
R O M E.

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Reference your Q/5/9 of 14 Aug 45.

1. It is regretted that tyres and tubes size 300/350 x 19 are not available from British Army Sources in this theatre.
2. It is however possible to issue covers only size 325 x 19.
3. If you will say if you have a requirement for this size then instructions for issue will be given.

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W.B. WEBER, Lt. Col.,
For Major General, G-4(B).

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Subject:- Tyres - C.I.P. Sardinia.

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

ROME.

24 August, 1945.

To:-

M.M.I.A. I.O.
SARDINIA.

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1. Reference attached copy of letter received from A.F.H. Petroleum Section and further to this H.Q. message Q.544 of 21 Aug 45. It has been ascertained from A.C. Transportation Sub Commission that during the period in question, some priority was given to the C.I.P. organisation who were permitted to purchase Allied tyres.

2. If C.I.P. has a genuine letter as described in paragraph 2 of the attached document for the tyres described, and the tyres you have found are the same, then C.I.P. may retain the tyres. Otherwise, the tyres will be taken up if of U.S. origin.

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

Copy to:- A.C. Transportation Sub Commission.
A.F.H.Q. Pet. Sec. R.A.A.C. (Ref. PET 30/3/9 14 Aug 45)

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Subject : Disposal of Spare Parts.

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

R O M E.

9/5/9

21 Aug 45.

To : War Ministry.

1. The disposal of spare parts surplus to the requirements of the Italian Army has hitherto been arranged between M.M.I.A. and Commerce Sub Commission of A.C. The latter nominates the firm *Industria Ricambi Automobili* as being one qualified to deal with spare parts available for civilian purposes.

2. Effective forthwith you are authorised to dispose of service spare parts to this or any other firm at your discretion provided the required approval of the M.M.I.A. L.O. No. 1 Repair Unit has been obtained. The procedure in fact will be the same as that already in force for the disposal of derelict vehicles. List of spare parts which it is intended shall be transferred will be submitted for counter-signature by M.M.I.A. before parts are transferred.



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

Copy to : REME, MMIA.
A.C. for Commerce Sub Commission.

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Subject: Tire Situation

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/5/9
18 August 1945

To : Minister for War 78

Reference your 17027 of 16 August 1945

1. The critical situation in regard to tires for the Italian Army has long been known to this Headquarters, and every effort has been made to secure tires or raw materials from which tires could be repaired or manufactured. The world shortage in these items is very critical, and it has been impossible to secure the approval of the Allied Governments for the release of the necessary materials.
2. Recently the proposal was made by the Allied authorities in Italy for an increase of the raw material to be imported for the civilian account, and which would be used in the Pirelli Establishment at Tivoli. This was disapproved by the Combined Chiefs of Staff with a further statement that no material imported for the civilian account in Italy would be used by the Italian Army.
3. The last proposal submitted to the Combined Chiefs of Staff by the Supreme Allied Commander regarding the interim Italian Army specifically requests the necessary raw materials or tires for the interim Italian Army. The answer of the Combined Chiefs of Staff is awaited.
4. It is with full knowledge of the critical situation and the situation as outlined in the preceding paragraphs that every effort has been made by MMIA to recover, for the Italian Army use, every truck and tire in Italy which is Army property, and for the time being this source of supply is the only source available to the Italian Army. You can therefore readily understand the insistence of the Supreme Allied Commander that all tires and trucks in the hands of civilians in Italy be returned to Army control without delay.

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

Translation

From : Moscow
 To : MMIA (att. General Browning)
 Subject : Tire situation.

Ref.: 17027

Date.: August 16, 1945

1. The critical situation in which the Commands, Units, and Branches found themselves owing to the lack of tires, was pointed out to MMIA in August 1944 (letter no. 16446 dated August 13 and letter no. 16090 dated Sept. 4) and a request was made in order to obtain authority to import a total of 2000 tires of the most common sizes from the Pirelli Establishments in Spain.

The request met with no success.

2. As the situation had grown worse, as the supplies in depots were almost exhausted, and as the supply of tires obtained from recovery or from vehicles declared unserviceable had been reduced to the minimum, MMIA was approached with letter 26553 dated Dec. 27, 1944, in order to obtain the assignment of the raw materials necessary for the recommencement of production at the Pirelli Establishment at Tivoli, which is being rebuilt.

Part of said production was to have been reserved for the requirements of the Army; but this attempt also met with no success.

3. The request for a part of the production of the Pirelli Establishment in Via Assisi (Rome), which would have permitted the Army to repair considerable quantities of unserviceable tires lying idle, was also not accepted (letters 14598 and 18018 dated July 22 and Sept. 24, 1944).

4. Other requests were sent to MMIA by SMRA and by Maj. Edwards of MMIA.

5. In order to keep the cars of the highest authorities in running order, and in order to meet the essential requirements of the vital organizations of our military organization, the purchase of tires from the market was authorized last November.

This extreme solution cost more than 20 million lire and must be abandoned immediately because as the average price for automobile tires has reached 20,000 lire each and 100,000 lire each for truck tires, it is no longer possible to allow said enormous financial burden to fall on this Ministry's budget.

6. Today, the tire crisis has entered into the most acute stage, and soon many vehicles that are used for the most vital requirements of the Army and the Nation (those intended for public order service)

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6. Today, the tire crisis has entered into the most acute stage, and soon many vehicles that are used for the most vital requirements of the Army and the Nation (those intended for public order service) must be withdrawn from circulation owing to the lack of tires.

7. In order to give you an idea of the essential needs which can no longer be met without the urgent considerable co-operation of MILIA, we list here below a summary of the requests received last few days and which are shown in detail on the enclosed list.

- cars	tires	1193	inner tubes	1208
- trucks	"	665	"	837
- motorcycles	"	708	"	759
- bicycles	"	1416	"	1488

8. Against such enormous requests there are only a few tires (sizes which cannot be used) still held at the M.D.R., whose stocks, on 27 August 1 (well known to MILIA) are shown besides the requests.

9. We trust that the present disappointing situation will be remedied with kind understanding by MILIA and solved with radical measures which will permit the use of the military M.D. materials still essential to the Army.

The Minister
(Sgd) Jacini

Cpl. VDO

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Allegato n° 1 al foglio n. 7027
in data 1/1945 -

ALLEGATO DELLE RICHIESTE DI GOMMATURE PERVENUTE DAI RERARTI
RIPARAZIONI FINO ALL'8/8/1945 E CONSISTENZE NEL MAGAZZINO CDM-
E RICARICHI ALL'1/8/1945.-

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3,50 x 19	620	679	-	7	708	759	30	7
AUTOVETTURE								
4.00 x 15	159	139	-	214				
4.00 x 17	225	225	3	55				
4.25 x 17	75	75	-	-				
4.25 x 19	6	8	-	-				
4.40 x 19	8	8	133	4				
4.50 x 17	10	10	-	1				
4.75 x 18	3	3	21	50				
4.50 x 19	10	20	178	-				
5.00 x 15	229	229	1	-				
5.00 x 18	63	78	13	-				
5.25 x 17	3	3	2	32				
5.25 x 18	12	12	1	2				
5.50 x 15	210	210	-	-				
5.50 x 16	3	3	-	-				
6.00 x 16	98	98	-	-				
14 x 45	10	10	20	104				
140 x 40	17	19	-	19				
145 x 400	8	6	-	-				
165 x 400	25	25	-	6				
6.00 x 17	10	10	1	-				

4.00 x 17	225	3	55	1198	1209	377	573
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4.40 x 19	8	133	4	-	-	-	-
4.50 x 17	10	-	1	-	-	-	-
4.75 x 18	3	21	50	-	-	-	-
4.50 x 19	20	178	-	-	-	-	-
5.00 x 15	229	1	-	-	-	-	-
5.00 x 18	76	13	-	-	-	-	-
5.25 x 17	3	2	32	-	-	-	-
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6.00 x 16	98	-	-	-	-	-	-
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145 x 400	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
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<u>AUTOCARRI</u>							
7.00 x 18	3	145	13	-	-	-	-
32 x 6	97	68	72	-	-	-	-
34 x 7	16	14	11	-	-	-	-
42 x 9	10	103	240	-	-	-	-
200 x 20	48	2	1	-	-	-	-
210 x 20	335	1	-	-	-	-	-
270 x 20	72	36	7	-	-	-	-
7.50 x 20	56	-	1	-	-	-	-
8.25 x 20	28	-	2	-	-	-	-
<u>BICICLETTE</u>							
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AFHQ PETROLEUM SECTION

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

SUBJECT: Tires - C.I.F. Sardinia.

Tel:- ROME 478876

PET 30/C/9

14 August 45

HQ., A.C., Land Forces Sub-Commission,
APO 394.

1. C.I.F. has advised this Section that Colonel L.R. Albert, the Commanding Officer of your Mission in Sardinia, has given them until 15 August to turn over four 600 x 16 tires at present mounted on a Fiat 1100, registration Roma 75813.
2. These tires were legitimately procured by C.I.F. from A.C. and C.I.F. has a letter signed by Captain J.H. Newby, the Regional Transportation Officer for Sardinia, dated 12 December 1944, stating that the tires were legitimately procured by C.I.F.
3. The Serial Numbers of the tires are:
815EQ367
1 Coy 9808
FT 2561579
363/297 DV
4. C.I.F. claims that Colonel Albert said that he had no report from A.C. that these tires had ever been consigned to C.I.F. and was therefore demanding that they be turned over.
5. A copy of the A.C. letter is inclosed herewith and this Section accordingly requests that the matter be considered closed and C.I.F. be allowed to retain the tires.

Incl.: 1

Copy to: C.I.F., Rome.

C. D. Peterson
C. D. PETERSON
Major, FA

for JOHN L. KING
Colonel, QAC
Petroleum Section

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Subject:- Tyres - release of.

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

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14 August, 1945.

To:-

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

1. Since the liberation of Italy and the establishment of Territorial Commands in the North, considerable difficulty has been experienced by the War Ministry in communicating with their subordinate headquarters.

The result has been to delay the receipt of orders initiated by this H.Q. in pursuance of A.F.H.Q. policy regarding the Italian Army and issued from the War Ministry.

2. To remedy this unsatisfactory state of affairs, arrangements were made to obtain limited air mail facilities from the A.C. Air Courier service and to introduce a special Italian military E.L.S. service.

The latter is to be operated by a Ministry of War S.I.S. Coy. (IMI-III, Category 1(c) unit) and the W.E. 3 officers, 62 C.R. and 76 vehicles (including 70 motor cycles) was approved with effect from 14 June 45.

3. To avoid any demand being made on Allied transport, special efforts were made to collect motorcycles of a suitable type from existing units and sufficient have now been made available.

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3. To avoid any demand being made on Allied transport, special efforts were made to collect motorcycles of a suitable type from existing units and sufficient have now been made available.

It has not been possible, however, to inaugurate the service owing to the acute shortage of tyres. For long distances D.R.L.S. work it is essential reliable tyres are fitted and the minimum requirements are:

3.50 x 19
3.00 x 19

Covers	Tubes.
50	80
10	20

As these are not available from Italian Army stocks, the above be released to E.M.I.A. for this special purpose, the appropriate charge being made against the Italian Government.

Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C. (1211A). APO 304, U.S. Army, 30 July 1945

TO: Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com, AC, (1211A)
Attention Colonel S. P. Kerr

1. Inviting your attention to paragraph 2 of basic communication.
This should show the time question at Carlisle.

2. Heretofore this office was always advised by Mining Division
of Sardinia that the tires and tubes were turned over to the Mining
Division of Sardinia by 42 Bomb Wing on a loan basis. Now they have
discovered shipping tickets in their files for same.

LESTER R. ALBERT
Lt. Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

Incl.

1. Memo to Col Kerr. 14 July 45
2. Internal Routing Slip B-121000A (no date)

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INFORMAL ROUTING SLIP
HQ MTOUSA
APO 512

Log D: 29633

Date: _____

SUBJECT: Tires for A.C. Mining Division - Sardinia.

(For long memoranda, use complete width of informal routing slip)

No.	From	To	Date	
1.	G-4	MMIA (Col KERR)	18 July 1945	1. As indicated in letter L-O. Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA) Allied Garrison, Sardinia, 30 tires and tubes are on M/R from 42nd Bomb Wing to AC Mining Division from Sardinia. 20 of these tires and tubes were new when placed on M/R and 10 were used but condition is not stated. Size of tires and tubes is not indicated. 2. Since 42nd Bomb Wing, Allied Garrison, Sardinia and the Tyrrhenian Depot have all been closed out, it will be necessary to transfer these tires to A.C. for sale to the Carbonia Mines by means of copies of the Tally Outs, if a copy is available. 3. It is desired that the L.O. (MMIA) at Sardinia prepare shipping tickets, based on the Tally-Out, giving size of tires and tubes and condition and forward to CG, MTOUSA, Atten: AC/S, G-4, for pricing. Shipping tickets should carry the signature of an A.C. Mining Division Officer (U.S.) acknowledging receipt of the tires. A.C. can then make the proper charges on it's books, and take necessary action whereby the Carbonia Mines may be billed for the tires and tubes. For the AC/S, G-4: cc - A.C. Rome (Mining Div.) Ord., MTOUSA. <i>D.M. Libby</i> D. M. LIBBY, Colonel, G.S.C. Chief of Civil Branch.

3. Request instructions re the above.

Leslie K. Albert

LESLIE K. ALBERT
Lt Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

2 Incls:

- 1 - ALGON Ltr AC/031/29/TH. of 18 June 68
- 2 - Form for TPA permit

Copy to:

1st Lt. Matthews, AC Training Div

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HEADQUARTERS AIRMOB CORPS
APO 384
APO 384
APO 384

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Ref: WO/384/10/11.5

10 June 1948

SUBJECT: M.O. Fire Permits.

TO : Chief, Liaison Division,
Industry Sub-Committee.

1. Five permits nos. 1243-1247, inclusive, were heretofore passed to you for use in identifying the status of three released from Air Force Sub-Committee to Liaison Division, Maritime.

2. Before issue, these permits must be completed as indicated by the attached sample.

3. Duplicate data recorded on each form included is to be forwarded to this office for central registration.

4. The Liaison Division is directed that each permit is to be responsible for the return of the permit to the Liaison Division and the return of all released forms.

WESLEY A. PETERSON
WESLEY A. PETERSON
Capt. D.M.C.
Liaison Division

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VERY

File Name No.

TO WHOM ISSUED

AUTHORITY FOR USE OF TELETYPE
Authorization and Name Group (Initials)

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Form No. A.

No. (Group No.)
Name (V.) (or other Model)

Registration No.)
Form V.

No. Serial No.)
Date (M.)

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SAMPLE

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2. Date No.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

Handwritten: 75 985
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8 August 1945

AO 385.3/153 GOR-C

SUBJECT: Tyres - Italian Army

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
FOR: Land Person Sub-Commission (MELA)

1. Reference is made to your letter of 24 July 1945.
2. The proposal made by the Combined Chiefs of Staff to transfer tyres and tubes from British and United States stocks to the Italian Army has not received favourable consideration. Italian Army requirements will not be mingled with requirements for Italian civilian economy.
3. Material furnished to meet civilian needs for manufacture or repair of tyres and tubes must not be used by Italian Army. The C.C.S. are at present considering the policy to be adopted concerning supply of Italian Army from Allied sources.
4. The above ruling given by C.C.S. precludes the provision of tyres and tubes or repair facilities as requested in paragraph 6 of your letter under reference.
5. It is anticipated that the source of supply for these requirements will be indicated when decisions are reached on the responsibility for supply of the Italian Army.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R. H. Freese

9 AUG 1945

R. H. FREESE
Major, AGO
Asst Adjutant General

What is expected -

5403

Our ref: Tyres - Italian Army.

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

✓ 05/3

21 July 1945.

To:-

A. F. H. Q.

1. On 11 April 1945, under this H. I. letter No, as above, the necessity for providing tyres and repair facilities for the Italian Army was represented to your H. I.

The position therein discussed has deteriorated and at Appendix "A" is summarised the existing situation.

45 | 1.2nd attachment. 48 | 1.2nd attachment.

2. Following a conference at your H. I. attended by British and American representatives, a cable NAF 1003 was despatched to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, your reference PX 87850 dated 5 June 45, requesting approval for release of certain Allied stocks and the provision of raw materials for repairs.

3. Under your PX 94678 dated 17 June, the release to M.M.I.A. of captured stocks of Italian tyres was authorized.

To date, no appreciable number have been recovered from this source.

On the 16 June, an attempt was made at a conference at this H. I. to reach agreement with A.C. as to the proportion of available tyres which would be allocated to the Italian Army. No reliable information had reached A.C. as to the stocks available in the North and no agreement was reached.

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4. Under their C-6/T-12 dated 9 June, OS 1377 offered A.C. (Economic Section) 738 lbs. tube stock rubber for use by U.M.I.A. as tube and tyre repair material. Under reply PB-400/469 dated 28 June, A.C. (Economic Section) recommended this stock of 738 lbs. be made available for the purpose stated.

File 23 9/5/10 No further information has been received. 5402

5. Under the authority contained in A.F.H.Q. directive AC 386.5/463 LCC-0 dated 22 June 45, every effort is being made to recover possession of Italian Army vehicles, spare parts and tyres.

It is, however, apparent that to maintain existing vehicle strength, provision must be made for tyres and tyre repairs. The problem is aggravated by the increase in vehicles now being recovered, and which should eventually enable U.S. and British vehicles now on loan to be withdrawn.

6. I therefore request that -
- (a) immediate issue be approved of Allied tyres referred to in para. 2.
 - (b) A proportion (25%) of tyres now under A.C. control be allocated to the Italian Army.
 - (c) A proportion of repair facilities now the monopoly be made immediately available to the Italian Army.

CLARENCE P. KIRK Colonel.
For Major General.
U. M. I. A.

RAJ/rom

Type of Vehicle.	Tyre sizes.	Gross quantity Estimated Required.		Net quantity after road have been repaired.	
		Tyres	Ribas	Tyres	
Motor cycles	3.25 x 19 3.50 x 19	2500	2500	600	
Cars	4.00 x 15	300	300	300	
	5.00 x 15)	850	850	450	
	5.50 x 15)				
	6.00 x 16)	850	850	700	
	7.00 x 16)				
	5.50 x 18	300	300	50	
	5.00 x 19	250	250	100	
Load Carriers	7.00 x 18	900	900	250	
	7.00 x 20	1100	1100	100	
	7.50 x 20	4500	4500	275	
	9.00 x 20	300	300	175	
	10.50 x 20	2100	2100	750	
T O T A L		= 13,950	13,950	5,525	

* Since urgently required.

Appendix "A" to HIL letter
4/9/9 dated 24th July 1945.

Reqd.	Est quantity after repairable have been repaired.		Stocks as at 1 April 1945 Usable.		Stocks as at 1 July 1945	
	Tyres	Tubes	Tyres	Tubes	Tyres	Tubes.
600	600	2000	900	100	63	HIL. 4
300	300	50	HIL	250	HIL	235 4
350	450	775	HIL	HIL	HIL	HIL 4
350	700	775	25	75	HIL	HIL 4
200	50	175	100	125	95	125
250	HIL	205	250	25	250	5
200	250	600	350	300	345	94
100	HIL	325	700	600	300	269
600	2775	3080	600	650	126	205 4
600	175	75	100	25	82	25
100	750	1500	775	500	418	157
3,950	5,550	9,920	3,600	2,650	1,677	1,095

Reqd.

RECOVERY COMMISSION No. 21
Headquarters-P.O. 179

5 July 1945

SUBJECT: Authority
TO :Meyer R.O. Van Kirk
Sr. MIA-EO, 5th Army

1. The A.M.J. has giving to civilians the authority to buy in Bressanone some tires at 3000 L.a piece.
2. We notify the difficulty for the Italian Army, to find those tires so expensive.
3. We request, therefore, the authority for buying the following tires and tubes:

10 tires	500x15 or 550x15
10 "	100x40
10 "	140x400



for COMMISSION COMMANDING
Cap. Ali Umberto

Amos Amis

500	-	500 x 15	TIRAS + TUBES
500	-	550 x 15	

3. Be request, therefore, the authority for buying the following tires and tubes:

10 tires	500A15 or 550A15
10 "	100A40
10 "	140A400

Amos Owen



For COMMISSION COMMANDING
Cap. Ali Umberto

		TIRES & TUBES
500	500 x 15	}
500	550 x 15	
500	165 x 40	
200	140 x 400	

These are essential immediate

requirements

K. D. H. Edwards
Major

James North

MINISTRY OF WAR
DIREZIONE GENERALE ART. E MOTORIZZAZIONE
DIV. MOTORIZZAZIONE.

16th July 1945

SUBJECT:- Tyres.

Italian Army Depots have been without tyres of the following sizes for more than 9 months.

500	x	15
550	x	15
165	x	400
140	x	40

Requests have been repeatedly forwarded to M.M.I.A. by the Under Secretaries of State -- General OXILIA and General CHATRIAN during the past year without result.

This "Direzione General" has therefore been compelled, in order to meet the immediate demands of the highest Military authorities, to buy tyres on the market, spending a considerable amount of money and showing the dealers that it was impossible for us to obtain tyres from the Allied Authorities, when the civilian dealers themselves were allowed to buy them through A.M.G. for civilian requirements.

For example, the last consignment of 20 tyres purchased from PADUA cost the Ministry of War 1,360,000 liras or approximately 68,000 liras per tyre.

The Military Administration cannot bear such expenses and since it appears that A.M.G. issues tyres to civilians at a relatively ridiculous price of 3,000 to 4,000 liras per tyre, we would be very grateful if you will kindly bring this to the notice of the Allied Headquarters in order to obtain at least a small quantity of tyres for immediate requirements.

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Tyres required are as follows:-

500 tyres and tubes	550	x	15
500 tyres and tubes	500	x	15
200 tyres and tubes	165	x	400
200 tyres and tubes	140	x	40

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(Sgd) G. BALANZINO . COLONEL
CHIEF OF DIVISION -- DIRECTOR

TO:- MAJOR H.F.H. EDWARDS
R.E.M.E. Branch M.M.I.A.

X NOTE to accompany on what selection there
have been filled. p. 100

CL-1 INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM ADST MMIA (MILAN)

DATE/TIME
11 1700

TO MMIA PIRE

INFO MMIA LO TURIN - MMIA LO GENOA - 2 DISTRICT

CONFIDENTIAL

Q.35

ONE (.) ALL DISTRIBUTION DEPOTS NOW FOUND AT MILAN TURIN ALESSANDRIA AND GENOA(.)

TWO (.) 45 DAYS ITALIAN PORTION SHOULD NOW PROCEED DIRECT BY RAIL AS ARRANGED WITH NELSON(.)

THREE(.) HAVE ARRANGED WITH ADST (MAINT) AFTER FOR 30 DAYS ALLIED PORTION OF RATION TO BE AVAILABLE FROM PED GENOA ON 17 JULY TO BE COMPLETED BY 10 AUGUST (.) ALL BASED ON RATION STRENGTH 50,000(.)

FOUR (.) BALANCED RATINGS FOR 30 DAYS TO BE MOVED TO DISTRIBUTION DEPOT AS FOLLOWS:-

MILAN	18,000
TURIN	6,000
ALESSANDRIA	13,500
GENOA	12,500

FIVE (.) NOTE DISTWO HAVE BEEN SUPPLYING RATION FOR 2,840 IN AREA LEGHORN MOSTLY FINGER (.) SUGGEST THEY WILL HAVE TO BE FED BY 312 DIV OR GIVEN DISTRIBUTION DEPOT AT LEGHORN(.)

SIX (.) BALANCE OF 33 DAYS WINE CAN BE FOUND LOCALLY(.)

SEVEN (.) ONE DIFFICULTY BEING EXPERIENCED IN MAKING CONTACT FOR DRIED FRUIT LOCALLY PRICES QUOTED 200 LIRE PER KILO FOR DRIED PEACH PULP(.)

EIGHT (.) TERRITORIAL COMMANDS PREFER TO MAKE THEIR OWN CONTRACT FOR MANUFACTURE OF MACARONI(.)

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NINE (.) APPROX BREAKDOWN OF STRENGTHS IN DISTWO - 3 COMBAT GROUPS 30,000 ONE INDEPENDENT GUARDS REGIMENT 12,500 BRI ITI SERVICE TROOPS 7,000 ITI ITI SERVICE TROOPS 3,000, CORR 5,000 TOTAL 47,500(.)

TEN (.) BIDS FOR MOVEMENT FROM GENOA TO DIST DEPOTS WILL BE MADE BY NO. 2

- TERR HQ ON MOVES N.W. ITALY (.)
- ELEVEN(.) SUGGEST NO 6 E.V.P. SHOULD MOVE TO VERONA AND BE REDESIGNATED NO. 4 TO WORK UNDER NO. 4 TERRITORIAL HQ(.)
- TWELVE(.) NO. 2 S AND T COY IS UNDER COMMAND 1 DISTRICT AND LOCATED AT BOLOGNA(REPORT OF CONFERENCE AT 5 ARMY 13 JUNE STATED COMPANY IN COMPLETE SHAMBLES (.) 80 VEHICLES V O R OF WHICH 45 WERE B.L.R.(.) BEING REFITTED BY 105 BRIDGE COY BUT LITTLE HOPE OF GENERAL RECOVERY(NO. 1 S AND T COY LOCATED AT FORLI IN 217 ARMA IN FAIRLY GOOD CONDITION APPROX 20 VEHICLES V O R AVERAGE(.))
- THIRTEEN(.) IF ALL THESE COYS PLACED AT OUR DISPOSAL SUGGEST NO. 2 MOVES TO DESANO NO.3 MOVES TO DISTWO AND NO. 1 REMAINS WITH DISTONE(.))
- FOURTEEN(.) PRESENT STRENGTH OF VEHICLES APPROX AS FOLLOWS BUT DETAILED REPORT WILL BE SENT LATER(.)) STAFF CARS LIGHT LOAD CARRIERS HEAVY LOAD CARRIERS MILAN 10 3 AND 12 TURIN 13 2 AND SIX GENOA 4 NIL AND SIX(.)) HOPES THAT 6 LOAD CARRIERS CAN BE ADDED TO STRENGTHS OF EACH TERR HQ WITHIN NEXT 7 DAYS (.))
- FIFTEEN (.) S AND T COYS WILL BE REQUIRED IN ADDITION TEMPORARILY TO MOVE SUPPLIES AND THE VERY LARGE QUANTITIES OF GERMAN ARMY EQUIPMENT NOW FOUND IN THIS AREA (E.G.12,000 TONS MT SPARES).
- SIXTEEN(.) SUGGEST MAJOR KYLE SHOULD MOVE TO GENOA(.))
- SEVENTEEN(.)) I AM MOVING TO DISTONE THURSDAY 12 JULY WITH MAJOR MONICO

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COPY SIGNAL

FROM 1 A.F.H.Q.

TO : M.M.I.A.

REF : F 20716

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FROM COUNTRIES FOR KERN (.) SIGNED SACRED SITE BEHAR (.) ADHERMAN
STATES NO REPLY YET RECEIVED THEIR REQUEST TO FIFTH ARMY DETAILS
TYRES CAPTURED AND HOW DISPOSED OF (.) MAJORITY BELIEVED BELGIAN
MANUFACTURE (.) SUGGEST BEST APPROACH FIFTH ARMY DIRECT TO OBTAIN
INVENTORY ITALIAN TYRES AND TAKE POSSESSION (.) HAVE VISITED
3 DISTRICT AND NAPLES TERRITORIAL HQ WILL CALL ON SMITH ON RETURN 18th (.)
SMITH REPORTING 212 ATEN DIV TRANSPORT NEEDS NAPLES ST SHOULD
RELEASE EX NO 1 EVI ROME (.) 3 DIST RELUCTANT CLOSE RAVASCANINA BRD
WHICH STILL HOLDS MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND REQUEST ASSISTANCE FORCAST
TURNOVER BRI ITI SERVICE UNITS

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LIAMSON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (ALIA)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.F.C. 384, U.S. Army

9 July 1945

SUBJECT: Personnel - 5th Efficient Vehicle Park and Captain
Varanco's Detachment

TO : General Officer Commanding, Land Forces Sub Commission

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1. In your signal Q 561 of 10 June you authorized the transfer from Captain Varanco's Detachment all available auto mechanics and helpers to 14 Repair Unit which has been done. This detachment which was used to prepare tanks for mainland, has been robbed of efficient mechanical personnel for mainland and here. It was scheduled to be sent to the mainland. Recommend that it be either sent to mainland or absorbed in the authorized strength of the island.

2. Upon the assignment of the last vehicles to the mainland the 5th Efficient Vehicle Park are no longer required here. They have 3 mechanics and 2 assistant mechanics which we request authority to transfer to the 14 Special Repair Unit, as you are aware by our previous correspondence. Sardinia was stripped of qualified automobile mechanics. Recommend the remainder of unit be either sent to mainland or abandoned and absorbed in the authorized strength for Sardinia. Have temporarily attached them to 14 Special Repair Unit for employment. In either case advise what disposition is to be made of the vehicles assigned to them.

3. Am of the opinion that the 14 Special Repair Unit with 5 officers and 45 E.M. is sufficient for the island providing it has qualified personnel.

12 Jul.

Recommend to G.C.D.
R

Done
10/7

RAC

Lester R. Albert
LESTER R. ALBERT
Lt. Colonel, Infantry 3335
Senior Liaison Officer

RESTRICTEDFX 18044
JULY 052255BE/8288
JULY 060830B
ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNED CG WTCUSA SITE MAGDS

5 ARMY INFO ALCON ROME, APLRS, IV CORPS FOR G-5, MMIA, DISTWO

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Early report is desired on tire and tube stocks in MICHELIN and PIRELLI plants in MILAN and TURIN. Report should include following for both plants: A. Finished tires and tubes inventories. B. Raw materials on hand, expressed in terms of finished tires. C. Releases to date and authority for release. D. Balance on hand.

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Subject: Salvaged Tyres

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

9/5/9
23 June 1945.

To:

A.F.H.Q. for G.S.

Reference Industry Sub-Commission letter AC/5722/IND
dated 16 June 1945.

The suggestion that salvaged tyres be released direct to A.C. and despatched in lots to the Pirelli Works Rome, is agreed, provided M.M.I.A. is informed when consignments are made.

Industry Sub Commission agree that first selection be offered the Italian Army and tyres found suitable would be set aside for repair by the Pirelli Works and eventual issue to M.M.I.A.

A.C. Economic Section have hitherto been unable to offer repair facilities as they claim raw materials so far allocated are insufficient to provide any output surplus to civilian requirements.

Repairable tyres recovered by M.M.I.A. from salvage have to be stored pending repair facilities which it is hoped will soon be made available at factories under A.C. Control.

RAC

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

Copy to: A.C. (for Industry Sub Commission)
A.F.H.Q. for G (AE)

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Minutes of a Conference held at
HQ MHIA on the 18 June 45

Attendance

Col. Kerr	MHIA
Col. W Walter	AE Economic Section
Col. W.B. Thomas	Tptn. SC
Col. Ackerman	GA AFHQ
Maj. Boger	AE alt / Industry SC
Maj. Mule	MHIA ST
Maj. Taylor	" REHE
Maj. Sotter	Commerce SC
Capt. Paterson	Tptn. SC
Capt. Lamb	MHIA Q.
Lt. Bestine	Commerce SC
Lt. Morgan	Economic Sec AC
Sgt. S. Salvatore	Trp. Div. Industry SC

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To Q2

Gen.  within
Rene

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Object (a) To desc. the availability of types & material for types in Northern Italy

(b) What was to be the distribution of this availability between AC & MMIA i.e. what percentage of total availability was to be MMIA share.

1/ Total estimated availability given by AC in Northern Italy was

14900 Types
11000 Tubes

2/ Total estimated urgent requirement for AC

265297 Type & Tube

3/ Total estimated requirements for MMIA

12000 Type & Tube for next 6 months.

4/ AC had demanded from the States & Army Theatre

Received up to date only. 20612 Types.
11482 Tubes.

5/ Army Received up to date Nil, although AC issued that types had been made available to the CCRK through Italian Government channels.

6/ 2nd declared that minimum 25% of total availability output was the ~~fixed~~ minimum figure which ⁵³⁸¹ would accept

AC declared that 18% would be an adequate percentage

G. H. AFRQ stated 2% demand, stating that it was a reasonable demand as by supplying the Station. Any with types would automatically help AC.

The conference reached a deadlock as 2% would not consider anything less than 25%. AC then declared that ~~if~~ it was impossible to arrive at a definite conclusion as no one was in a position to give a definite figure as to the availability in the North.

The conference was then adjourned.

FROM : MMIA DISTWO COPY SIGNAL
TO : MMIA

01/5/9
DATE/TIME
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Ref : C.16

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SUBJECT VEHICLE SPARES BAGGIO AND EDWARDS VISIT ROME(.)
OWNERSHIP DISPUTED AS IMPOSSIBLE DECIDE DATE OF MANUFACTURE(.)
CONSEQUENTLY IN AGREEMENT APPROPRIATE SECTIONS AM LOMBARDIA
AM, FIAT WILL INSPECT MAINTAIN REMOVE TO FIAT WORKS(.)
ALL THIS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURE OWNERSHIP(.)
NECESSITY URGENT BOTH TO MOVE AND SAFEGUARD(.) DETAILED LETTER
FOLLOWS REGARDING ALL VEH RECOVERY SPARES PLUS PROPOSED PLAN

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OK 20 Jan 5389

Subject : Rubber.

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

ROME

✓ 4/5/5

18 June 45

Requisition Branch,
Economic and Comm. A.C. (for the attention of Lt. Col. QUARTIER).

Copy added

1. Reference being acknowledged and supply Division letter, reference G - 6/1 - 12 dated 9 June 45.
2. Both the 120 lbs of tube stock rubber and the 740 lbs of crude rubber are extremely urgently required by the Italian army, to be used in the repair of tyres and tubes.
3. Usable tyres and tubes are urgently required to keep Italian army vehicles on the road, and so release Allied transport at present being held in line and urgently required elsewhere.
4. Repairable tyres and tubes on hand can be rendered useable if repair facilities are provided.
5. As stated in this HQ letter 4/5/5 15 to AFHQ (Copy A.C. for Economic Section), a proposition of the content

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2. Both the 735 lbs of tube stock rubber and the 740 lbs of grade rubber are extremely urgently required by the Italian Army, to be used in the repair of tyres and tubes.

3. Usable tyres and tubes are urgently required to keep Italian Army vehicles on the road, and so repairs Allied transport at present being used in Italy and urgently required elsewhere.

4. Repairable tyres and tubes on hand can be rendered usable if repair facilities are provided. ³⁵

5. As stated in this HQ letter ³⁵ 15 May to ARHQ (Copy A.C. for Economic Section), a proportion of the output of repair factories under A.C. control, was to be allocated to MMIA.

This was agreed by "Production Division" of the Economic Section, provided raw material could be made available.

R.A.

R.A. CURTIS,
Lt. Col.

for Major General,
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA)

Copy to :

REME Branch, MMIA.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ref. 9-6/T-12

9 June 1945

SUBJECT: Rubber

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Economic Section)

1. Please refer to letter AG 451.92/268 Ord-O of 2 May 1945 in which A.C. was advised that 738 lbs of tube stock rubber, semi-cured, had been overshipped against item 6 LAC Airgram 94.
2. In addition there is approximately 740 lbs of crude rubber in HTOUSA depots which has been declared surplus to U.S. Army needs. *
3. We are informed that MMIA has urgent need for both tires and tubes and repair materials for the Italian Army.
4. Crude rubber is also needed to complete the belting required for the discharge of grain ships at CASTELLAMARE. LAC 1196 (PX-88728) of 6 June repeated to AC refers.
5. Your recommendations are urgently requested as to
 - A. whether the semi-cured rubber mentioned in para 1 is available and suitable for use by MMIA as tube and tire repair material.
 - B. whether the belting for CASTELLAMARE or the tire/tube manufacturing and repair material for AC and MMIA is more urgently needed.
 - C. for which of these purposes the crude rubber mentioned in para 2 could be most advantageously employed if immediately released to AC.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Copy to: *Regn B. Hest.*
Transportation S/C
Commerce S/C
Industry S/C
MMIA

D. E. LATROFF
Captain, C.A.C.
Economics & Supply Division 387

Requester French, attention H.Q. Quarter.

MESSAGE FORM.

FROM : M.M.I.A.
 TO : ^{FIFTH ARMY} FIFTH ARMY REAR FOR BR INCR.
 (for Action) EIGHTH ARMY REAR
 DISTWO DISTONE
 REF : Q.364

DATE/TIME
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FOR MMIA IO(.) ONE (.) REFERENCE AFHQ SIGNAL FX 94678
 DATED 17 JUNE IS REPEATED FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION(.)
 QUOTE(.) ALL CAPTURED STOCKS OF ITALIAN MILITARY
 AUTOMOTIVE SPARES INCLUDING TYRES NOT REQUIRED FOR
 MAINTENANCE OF ITALIAN VEHICLES UNDER CONTROL OF
 ADDRESSEES WILL BE TURNED OVER TO MMIA AS SOON AS MMIA
 CAN ACCEPT THEM(.) UNQUOTE(.) TWO(.) MAJOR BIRD
 TO INFORM L.OS. TURIN AND GENOA

PRECEDENCE Immediate

AUTHENTICATION Adm. Control

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Major Van Hook has taken the
 copy with him

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COPY SIGNAL

FROM : FREEDOM
TO : FIFTH ARMY /
EIGHTH ARMY REAR
DISTONE
INFO : M.R.I.A.
REF : FX 94678

DATE/TIME
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X ALL CAPTURED STOCKS OF ITALIAN MILITARY AUTOMOTIVE
SPARES INCLUDING TYRES NOT REQUIRED FOR MAINTENANCE
OF ITALIAN VEHICLES UNDER CONTROL OF ADDRESSEES WILL
BE TURNED OVER TO MMIA AS SOON AS MMIA CAN ACCEPT THEM(.)
SIGNED SACHED CITE PHOAE(.) (FOR MMIA YOUR Q 358 OF
15 JUNE REFERS.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : M.H.I.A.

TO : L.O. Sardinia

REF : Q.361

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DATE/TIME
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REFERENCE Y.492(.) AGREE THAT YOU MAKE UP WORKSHOP
 ESTABLISHMENT FROM MEN AVAILABLE OR FROM MEN LEFT WITH
 VARNING(.) IF POSSIBLE DISMOUNT GOOD TYRES ONLY FOR
 FURTHER USE(.) PROGRAMME OF DEMOLITION NOT AGREED(.)
 PARTS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM INEFFICIENT VEHICLES ON
 THE PARK ONLY AS AND WHEN REQUIRED FOR SPECIFIC REPAIRS
 TO KEEP OTHER VEHICLES ON THE ROAD

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

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FURTHER USE(.) PROGRAMME OF DEMOLITION NOT AGREED(.)

PARTS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM INEFFICIENT VEHICLES ON
THE PARK ONLY AS AND WHEN REQUIRED FOR SPECIFIC REPAIRS
TO KEEP OTHER VEHICLES ON THE ROAD

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

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FROM: MILIA

DATE TIME

TO (FOR ACTION): FREEDOM

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Q.358

FOR QAN/CEN RESPONSE CONVERSATION SHUTTS - HOMES (.) MILIA OFFICER RETURNING
 FROM NORTH REPORTS LARGE WITHDRAWALS OF VALUABLE ITALIAN MILITARY MT SPARES
 FROM DUMPS AT S GAVIOLO CMA LAIVES CMA CASERMA PRINCIPAL EUGENIO DI SAVOIA -
 BOCCIA MILAN CMA BY UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS INCLUDING CIVILIANS (.) URGENTLY
 REQUEST ADEQUATE CONSERVATION THIS MATERIAL IF ITALIAN ARMY IS TO PROCEED
 MT IN ORDER RELEASE ALLIED VMS NOW BEING USED

PRECEDENCE HighAUTHENTICATION P. F. N. T. G. E.1
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Subject:- M.T. Spare Parts.

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

ROME.

Q/5/9

4 June 45.

To:-

Ministry of War.

47/1

Reference your 11511 dated 4 June 45.

It is regretted we cannot agree to the supply
of these spare parts.


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

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LEADON OFFICER
LAND FORCES AND COMMISSION
ARMED COMMISSION (MIA)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

5 June 1945

SUBJECT: Recovered U.S. Property

TO : MR. LO PERSUATI

1. Attached hereto list of U.S. tires, tubes, batteries and telephone sent from Sardinia to Naples on Cruiser Garibaldi this date to be turned over to PERSUATI Salvage.

2. The above mentioned items were collected from unauthorized holdings in Sardinia.

WALTER R. ALBERT
Lt. Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

Copy to: C.O. 2391 MIA Co. for information

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TIRAGE

1	(S-3 482635845 (V 816581 (509684045 (764Y1305	Goodrich Ford Goodrich Good Year	7	(D063260 (068133012 (2R72765 (M165021	Ford Goodrich Master Grip Stop Skid
2	(26W1187 (785071 (5093048 (8084208	Good Year McGraw Ford Ford	8	(1843818 (247074147 (244524048 (366104142	Tharis Goodrich Goodrich Goodrich
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Subject : Tyr released by Mining Division Sardinia 50

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

Q/5/9

13 June 45.

To : A.C. (for Industry Sub Commission).

Reference your Mines-319.6 dated 30 May 45.

1. This Headquarters letter Q/5/9 of 2 June may be open to misinterpretation as it was not explicit as regards the responsibility devolving on Lieut.Col. Albert regarding the recovery of military tyres of Allied origin. This letter should be considered as cancelled and the following substituted.

2. It is the duty of all Allied officers to recover Allied property found in possession of unauthorised holders. Strict orders to this effect have been issued by the Supreme Allied Commander. It is therefore the duty of Lt.Col Albert to recover tyres and other Allied property from civilians who have not got an official permit to retain same. If the individuals in question have the necessary Allied authority they will be permitted to retain the tyres and it is understood that Col. Albert has made this clear to the representative of the Mining Division in Sardinia.

R.A.

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

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

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Q/5/9 (49)

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES AND COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 384, U.S. Army

8 June 1945

SUBJECT: Collection of Unauthorized U.S. Tires and Tubes in Sardinia.

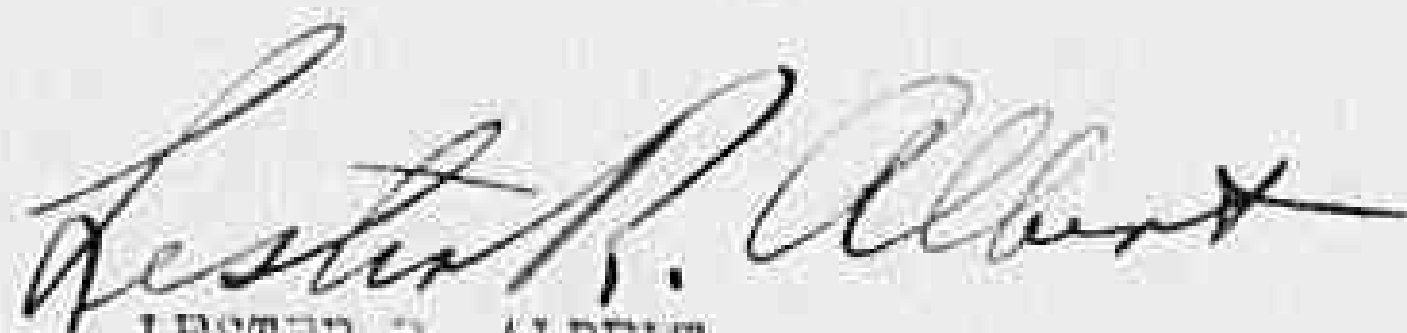
TO : Commanding Officer, 2691 MIA Co (Civil), APO 384, U.S. Army.

1. Reference par 1 of MIA letter Q/5/9 dated 2 June to A.C. Inviting your attention particularly to the following sentence: "The recovery of military tires of Allied origin from vehicles operated by the Mining Div is not related to his duties in connection with MIA".
2. Major Martin told me that when he was at Rome (early April) he advised you (Colonel Kerr) of a quantity of U.S. property held without authority and that you told him to pick it up. I made a report to you on the matter when I was at Rome (in May) and you advised me to ship them to Colonel Smith at Naples for Pease salvage which we have recently done, forwarding you a copy.
3. A.C. upon leaving here in early April gave us a complete list of U.S. tires and tubes authorized on the island. It did not include any for civilians working for Mining Division at Carbonia. Those authorized tires and tubes we have not molested.
4. A representative of Mining Division called and I informed him if he would submit a list of U.S. tires and tubes held by proper authority they would not be molested. He submitted one list just stating certain tires and tubes (without giving ^{tire} numbers) and another list giving numbers but no authority for same.
5. Major Matthews, Senior U.S. officer at A.C. Mining Division at Carbonia, called at my office 7 May. I told him to contact Major Martin re the tires. Later Major Martin advised me that he had seen Major Matthews on this date and Major Matthews told Major Martin that he (Matthews) had seen me and the tire matter was all settled. Later we requested that Major Matthews call when in Cagliari so we could straighten out the matter, to date he has not done so. Just phoned Major Matthews this date and he said he would call the first of next week.

6. Later U.S. tires were picked up from a Mining Division civilian with numbers that did not correspond to his permit.

7. Upon receiving a copy of the above mentioned MEMA Q/5/9 of 2 June, I instructed Major Martin to discontinue picking up tires held by civilians working for Mining Division until this matter is clarified.

8. In view of the above, request instructions. Shall we continue to pick up U.S. property held without authority or not?



LESTER R. ALBERT
Lt Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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DML/ACF/rtw

HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
OFFICE OF THE A.C. OF S., G-4
APO 512

48/1

6 June 1945

MEMO TO: Colonel Kerr, MMIA Land Forces Sub-Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

SUBJECT: Tires and Tubes for the Italian Army.

1. In reply to your memorandum of 15 May, please be informed that a cable has been dispatched to the Combined Chiefs of Staff asking for approval and allocation of the supply responsibility for the items required. A copy of that cable, NAF 1003, is inclosed for your information.

2. The services, United States and British, have been queried in regard to cold patches for tubes and it is reported that the item is in short supply in both United States and British stocks. Therefore, we must await the shipment of this item from the ZI, when, as, and if approved.

D. M. Libey
D. M. LIBEY
Colonel, GSC
C & P Branch

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For Information
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TO FOR ACTION:	AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR CCB,	Sup	ADm
	AMSSO LONDON FOR MCS		
FOR INFO :	SHARP FWD	Opns	Plan
REF NO :	NY 57850	ANLC	Civil
SIGNED :	ALEXANDER	Exec	FILE
	DATE: FEB 28 1947		

THIS IS WAR 1001.

Tires and tubes for the Italian Army in subject.

1. Italian Army needs for tires, tubes, and repair and retreading materials are:

(1)	(2)
Tires, assorted sizes	5550
Tubes, assorted sizes	9950
Materials to repair tires (assorted sizes)	5000
Materials to retread tires (assorted sizes)	3500
Materials to repair tubes (assorted sizes)	3500

2. Theater availabilities to fill this requirement:

In United States stocks: 300 each tires size 600 x 16, 50 each tires size 550 x 18 (excluded excess existing War Department disposition instructions), 175 each tubes size 600 x 18 (in lieu of 550 x 18 required).

In British stocks: 300 each tires size 325 x 19, 50 each tires size 900 x 20, 300 each tubes size 325 x 19, 50 each tubes size 700 x 20, 20 each tubes size 900 x 20.

3. In order to supply this 6 months requirement, it is recommended:

(A) That approval be granted for 5375/100

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REF NO THIS MESSAGE: Z 87850, 5 June 45 (cont'd)

of the tires and tubes listed as available in US/British Theater stocks.

(2) That the balance of the requirement be filled by increasing all items shown on civil requisition previously submitted, so that Italian Army needs as well as civil needs can be met. Needed to fill this requirement are the following increases: Tire repairing materials (LAC a/cgram 9⁴) increase 5 percent. Tire retreading materials (LAC a/cgram 9⁴) increase 20 percent. Tire manufacturing materials (LAC a/cgram 9⁴) increase 25 percent. Tube repairing materials (LAC a/cgram 9⁴) increase 25 percent. Tube manufacturing materials (LAC a/cgram 9⁴) increase 45 percent.

Justification:

1. The Italian Military Forces have received no assistance from Allied stocks, other than as approved in RAN 43.

2. In order for the Italian Forces to carry out their assigned functions, it has heretofore been necessary to loan US and British Military vehicles to supplement Italian Army resources.

3. The Italian Army has repaired thru cannibalization methods, and spare parts received from various E&A sources, 1,100 motorcycles, 700 passenger cars and 1,000 trucks. This number is below the total authorized requirements of the Italian Army, and additional vehicles are being rebuilt. All of these vehicles are on worn tires, some of which can be saved for continued use if repair materials are made available. Others have tires of very short life expectancy, or are entirely without tires.

4. Tire establishments in ITALY are being fitted for repair and building of tires and tubes on receipt of raw materials now on requisition for the civilian needs. It is proposed to develop these facilities for the combined Italian civil and military needs through provision of additional raw materials.

5. The provision of such tires and tubes as can be made available from US and British military stocks will materially relieve the situation, pending manufacture.

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AUTH: D M LEEBY, COL
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ref. T-12

6 June 1945

SUBJECT: Tires and Tubes for the Italian Army

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 594
(Attn: Economic Section)

There follows for your information and guidance a paraphrase of NAS 1003 dispatched by AFHQ to the Combined Chiefs of Staff:

"Subject is tires and tubes for Italian Army.

"1. Needs of Italian Army for tires, tubes, and repair and retreading materials are:

Tires, assorted sizes	5550
Tubes, Assorted sizes	9950
Materials to repair tires (Assorted sizes)	5000
Materials to retread tires (assorted sizes)	3600
Materials to repair tubes (assorted sizes)	1350

"2. Theater availabilities to fill this requirement:

In United States stocks: 500 each tires size 600x 16, 50 each tires size 500 x 16 (declared excess awaiting War Department disposition instructions), 175 each tubes size 600 x 16 (in lieu of 550 x 16 required).

In British stocks: 300 each tires size 325 x 19, 50 each tires size 900 x 20, 300 each tubes size 325 x 19, 50 each tubes size 700 x 20, 20 each tubes size 900 x 20.

"3. In order to supply this 6 months requirement, it is recommended:

(a) That approval be granted for the release of the tires and tubes listed as available in US/British Theater stocks.

(b) That the balance of the requirement be filled by increasing all items shown on civil requisitions, previously submitted, so that Italian Army needs as well as civil needs can be met. Needed to fill this requirement are the following increases: Tire repairing materials (LAC Airgram 94) increase 5 percent. Tire manufacturing materials (LAC Airgram 94) increase 26 percent. Tire manufacturing materials (LAC Airgram 93) increase 25 percent. Tube repair materials (LAC Airgram 94) increase 2-1/2 percent. Tube manufacturing materials (LAC Airgram 93) increase 45 percent.

CC Transportation S/C
Lawrence S/C, Tire Section
Industry S/C, Tire Section
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Justification:

1. The Italian Military Forces have received no assistance from Allied stocks, other than as approved in RAM 436.
2. In order for the Italian Forces to carry out their assigned functions, it has heretofore been necessary to loan US and British Military vehicles to supplement Italian Army resources.
3. The Italian Army has repaired, thru cannibalization methods, and spare parts received from MIDDLE EAST sources, 1,100 motorcycles, 700 passenger cars, and 1,900 trucks. This number is below the total authorized requirements of the Italian Army, and additional vehicles are being rebuilt. All of these vehicles are on worn tires, some of which can be saved for continued use if repair materials are made available. Others have tires of very short life expectancy, or are entirely without tires.
4. Tire establishments in ITALY are being fitted for repair and building of tires and tubes on receipt of raw materials now on requisition for the civilian needs. It is proposed to develop these facilities for the combined Italian civil and military needs through provision of additional raw materials.
5. The provision of such tires and tubes as can be made available from US and British military stocks will materially relieve the situation, pending manufacture."

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, 3-5:

s/

R. V. GRADY
Major, T. O.
Economics & Supply Division

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Translation

From : MOW
 To : MMIA
 Subject : Request for spare parts.

Ref. : 11511
 Date : June 4, 1945

The Ministry of the Navy - General Directorate of Naval Weapons and Armament - has requested the materials shown on the enclosed list, in order to put into working order again the numerous vehicles assigned to the Piazza M.M. in Taranto which at present cannot be used.

If MMIA has no objections, as ^{many} ~~much~~ of the requested parts as are available could be drawn from the 4th class vehicles held at the Mesagne Park.

We will await MMIA's decisions before issuing or refusing to issue the materials requested by the Ministry of the Navy.

NO
 RAG

Cpl TDC

SEE 5-2

(Sgd) Ego, Russo

Very stupid expectations by Mission. They do not cooperate and are halfhearted. Eventually held the 5372 C. 014.

Translation

Salvaged materials required for the M.T. W/S
of Naval Armament Taranto.

- 5 Fiat 500, complete, unserviceable
- 2 Fiat 1100, colonial, complete, unserviceable
- 1 Fiat 1500, complete, unserviceable
- 1 motor, complete, 1100
- 2 trucks, 18 BL, unserviceable
- 2 Trucks, Bianchi Miles, unserviceable
- 12 connecting rods, complete, for Fiat 1100
- 12 connecting rods, complete, for Fiat 500
- 10 distribution chains for 1100
- 10 distribution chains for 500
- 3 chassis, even incomplete, for Lancia-Aprilia
- 25 disks for wheels (1100)
- 25 disks for wheels (500)
- 25 disks for wheels (1500)
- 5 radiator covers (1100)
- 5 radiators 1100
- 5 radiator covers (500)
- 10 front springs (500)

Cpl VDC

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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FROM M.M.I.A. L.O. S/1A sgd ALBERT

TIME DATE
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TO : MMIA

REF : Y.470

SECRET

FURTHER TO OUR Y.468 DATED 2 JUNE, E T A DUKE

CRUISER GARIBALDI 6 JUNE (.)

IN ADDITION WILL LOAD 6 TONS BERETTA 9 mm

AMMUNITION AND TON US TYRE TUBES AND AUTO PARTS(.)

REQUEST M.M.I.A. L.O. PENSOUTH BE NOTIFIED BY

TELEPHONE

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Action:- S/Q/2/28

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Subject : Tyres released by Mining Division Sardinia.

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

✓ Q/5/9

2 June, 1945.

To : A.C. (for Industry Sub Commission).

Reference your Mines - 319.6 dated 30 May 45.

1. Lt.Col. ALBERT is the A.C. representative in Sardinia and thus performs the dual function of A.C. Representative and M.M.I.A. L.O. The recovery of military tyres of Allied origin from vehicles operated by the Mining Division is not related to his duties in connection with M.M.I.A. It would appear that all that is necessary is formal authority to be given by the A.C. for certain individuals engaged in the mining industry to be allowed to retain tyres issued by ~~you~~ due authority from Allied sources. Such authority is outside the competence of Land Forces Sub Commission.

2. Correspondence attached to your letter under reply is returned herewith.

R.A.

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

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

Agc

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

Tel: 559

DSK/ce

Ref:Mines-319.6

30 May 1945

SUBJECT: Tires Released by Mining Division, Sardinia
TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission

1. Reference attached correspondence regarding a situation that is becoming awkward.
2. As explained in the letter written by Major Matthews all military tires were obtained by Mining Division from military sources expressly for the purpose of reactivating and operating the important mining industry of Sardinia.
3. These tires were issued by the Mining Division to the persons most in need of them on written authorization. Many of these issues were over one year ago and at that time it was believed that the procedures followed were in order.
4. As previously mentioned in paragraph 1 the situation is now awkward. Tires are being removed from cars necessary for mining operations even though the original authorization emanated from military authorities.
5. May we have your advice and help on this important matter, if possible recognizing the original authorization as valid and permitting the return of tires removed.

W. J. Maskrey Lt. Col.
W. J. MASKREY,
Lt. Colonel,
Acting Director,
Industry Sub-Comm.

Incl - as per para. 1

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Files, Mining Division

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INTER OFFICE MEMO.*Fite*

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Col 'Q'

Spare Parts arriving from Middle East are going into Central Stores Depot , Rome whence they will be issued as required.

We are pledged to provide some for A.C. and the question arises as to accounting.

The stores originally are "captured enemy equipment". Are they now Italian War Ministry property? Originally some may have been Italian Civilian property. Is the War Ministry to supply gratis to Italian Civilians through A.C. ?

Rac

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Subject:- Release of Automotive Material to
Produzione Ricambi Automezzi from
Service Surpluses.

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

ROME.

Q/5/9

22 May 45.

To: Allied Commission for Industry Sub Comm.

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Reference your AC/5694/IND dated 2 May 45.

The consignment of spare parts from the Middle East has not yet arrived.

An inventory of stock in hand at the Italian Army Central Stores Depot is being prepared. A list of items available for allocation to A.C. will be prepared and forwarded to you as soon as possible.

R.A. Curries

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

COPY: M.B.I.A. R.E.M.C.

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Subject : Issue of Car Spare Parts.

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

ROME

Q/5/9

21 May 45

Direttore Generale Artiglieria
e Motorizzazione,
Ministry of War.

1. Reference your 10191/06015 dated 16 May 45, and further to our LMA/1517 dated 7 May 45.
2. Authority is given, as a special case, for the Central M.T. Spare Parts Depot to issue to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests the following spares for SPA 38:-

- (a) Differential.
- (b) Ball bearings for differential 22A and 12AS.

R.A. Curtiss

R.A. CURTISS,

Lt. Col. 3365

for Major General,

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.(MMIA)

FGWT/ERC

Copy to : Major Baker, o/o REME.
R.E.M.E.

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: N.H.I.A.

TO: 54 AREA

REF: Q.279

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SCHEDULE OF ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLE HOLDINGS

Ser. No.	UNIT	LOCATION	Vehicle Holdings			REMARKS
			M/Cs	CAPS	L/Cs	

A. ITALIAN AT UNITS.

Administrative
Transport
Companies.

1.	1 of 7 Adm Tpt Coy	Rome	145	99	32	Provide transport
2.	No 6 " "	Rome	3	5	5	for stores, supplies
3.	No 8 " "	Rome	25	11	66	and personnel of units
4.	No 9 " "	Bari	36	16	64	administered by Terr
5.	No 10 " "	Naples	16	18	74	itorial Hq concerned.
6.	No 11 " "	Sicily	5	14	58	Under operational control
7.	No 14 " "	Sardinia	6	4	66	MMIA.

Special Transport Companies.

8.	No 1 SPC	Rome	10	5	24	Under direct control
9.	No 3 " "	Bari	6	1	33	MMIA for conveyance
10.	No 4 " "	Crotone	9	4	75	of stores and person- nel. Ser 10 employed exclusively on tim- ber haulage under 9 CRL Works (or)

Efficient Vehicle Parks.

11.	No 1 EVP	Rome	2	1	2	
12.	No 2 " "	Naples	3	-	3	
13.	No 3 " "	Bari	4	1	1	
14.	No 4 " "	Monroco	-	-	2	
15.	No 5 " "	Cagliari	3	1	3	
16.	No 6 " "	Bologna	1	-	2	
17.	No 7 " "	Genoa	-	-	2	

ROL Reserve Points.

18.	No 8 ROL RP	Rome	2	-	1	
19.	No 9 " "	Bari	2	-	2	
20.	No 10 " "	Naples	2	-	1	

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Rome
Bari
Crotone

Efficient Vehicle Parks.

11. No 1 LVR	Rome	1	2	2
12. No 2 "	Naples	1	2	2
13. No 3 "	Bari	1	2	2
14. No 4 "	Florence	1	2	2
15. No 5 "	Cagliari	1	2	2
16. No 6 "	Bologna	1	2	2
17. No 7 "	Genoa	1	2	2

POL Reserve Points.

18. No 8 POL RP	Rome	2	1	1
19. No 9 "	Bari	2	2	2
20. No 10 "	Naples	2	1	1

21. Central III-ITI Driving
School

Rome 2 15

Ambulance Car Sections.

22. No 37 Amb Car Sec	Sicily	1	2	2
23. No 38 "	Bari	1	-	-
24. No 39 "	Naples	1	1	1
25. No 40 "	Rome	2	1	1
26. No 41 "	Florence	2	1	1

Transport for all ITI
personnel for hospitals.

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Repairs Units.

27. No 1 Repairs Unit	Rome	5	15	15
28. No 2 "	Naples	5	15	15
29. No 3 "	Bari	5	15	15
30. No 4 "	Catanzaro	5	15	15
31. No 14 "	Sardinia	2	7	7
32. No 1 Mobile Park	Sardinia	3	57	57
33. No 2 "	Naples	3	67	67
34. No 1 Recovery Section	Naples	1	17	17
35. Auxiliary Heavy Repairing Unit	Naples	2	15	15
36. Central M.T.S.D.	Rome	1	1	1

Recovering and reconditio-
ning and maintenance of
all ITI vehicles under MMIA
Supervision.

Total

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Ser. No.	UNIT	LOCATION	Vehicle Holdings		REMARKS
			M/Gs	CARS	I/Os
<u>B. ITI-TRI NON-MT UNITS.</u>					
1.	Twenty five Guard Bns	Various	58	22	83
			Bns includes 7/under US Command, 15 Bns under British Command.		
2.	Three I.S. Divs.	-	145	51	207
			Stationed in Bardia, Sobly and Calabria. Supply and maintenance. Under A.C. Control.		
3.	Mine Clearance Coys	-	2	1	11
4.	Clothing Repair	(Naples) (Bari)	-	1	10
			conveying unservicable clothing to factories for reconditioning.		
5.	Welfare	-	3	1	10
6.	Screening Units	-	1	-	9
7.	Recovery Units	-	2	4	6
8.	Intelligence Units	Various	22	31	19
9.	Refugee Camps	-	3	5	2
Total			215	101	440

C. SERVICE UNITS (US-ITI AND BR-ITI)

1.	Three Adv Divs	-	73	50	300	serving US Formations, PIS, USAF/AFM, AFM
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includes Industrial
Inspection Teams, under
15 A.G. Command,
Under A.G. Command.

	3	3	2
Total	245	134	420

C. SERVICE UNITS (US-INT AND IR-INT)

1. Three Admin Divs	-	73	52	300	serving US Formations, PPS, USAF/AFIO, Fifth Army under Allied Com and for supply & maintenance of Div.
2. Five Admin Divs	-	105	64	126	serving IR Formations, Fifth Army 3d Army, Eighth Army, 1 District, 3 District, under Allied Command for supply and maintenance of Div.
Total		183	117	426	

D. OC. INT. Under control A.C.

Grand Total	1207	728	1773
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Subject: Repair and Provision of Tyres
for the Italian Army.

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

ACM.

5/5/9

15 May 45.

A.P.H.O.

1. At the Conference held at your H.Q. on Wednesday 2 May, it was agreed that the needs of the Italian Army should be provided from resources under the control of the Allied Commission.

The matter has since been discussed with Brigadier Anderson, Production Division of the Economic Section, A.C. who states:

(a) A proportion of the manufacturing and repair facilities of factories under A.C. Control can be made available, provided the necessary material are supplied.

(b) All the raw materials at present available to A.C. are reserved for civilian needs and none can be released to the Army except at the expense of civil needs which can not be adequately met from the stocks of raw materials on hand.

2. It is therefore requested that:

(a) An allotment of raw materials be made for the use of the Italian Army.

(b) Pending the delivery of such raw materials, a sufficient quantity be released from existing stocks under A.C. control to enable repairs to be commenced, to be repaid to A.C. from Allotment 2(a) above.

In view of paragraph 1(b) above, this recommendation is not agreed by A.C. but it is considered that the repair of army tyres cannot await the arrival of the additional raw materials referred to in paragraph 2(a) above.

3. It is further requested that approval be given for release direct from Allied stocks to M.M.I.A. of:-

It is therefore required

- (a) An allotment of raw materials be made for the use of the Italian Army.



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~~AT TULSA, TENN~~ YENR Colonel.

For Major General.

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COPY: A.C. Economic Section.

per folio 59

D R A F T

SUBJECT : Repair and Provision of Tyres
for the Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
2/5/9 .
May 45.

TO : A.T.E.C.

1. At the Conference held at your H.Q. on Wed 2 May it was agreed that the needs of the Italian Army should be provided from resources under the control of the Allied Commission.

The matter has since been discussed with Brig. Anderson, Production Division of the Economic Section, A.C. who states:-

(a). A proportion of the manufacturing and repair facilities of factories under A.C. Control can be made available provided the necessary materials are supplied.

(b). All the raw materials ~~at present~~ available to A.C. are reserved for civilian needs and none can be released to the Army unless ~~orders to that effect~~ are received.

2. It is therefore requested that

(a). A proportionate increase in the allotment of raw materials be made to A.C. to enable the Army to make use of the facilities offered.

(b). Pending the delivery of such additional raw materials a sufficient

materials are supplied.

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- (a). A proportionate increase in the allotment of raw materials be made to A.C. to enable the Army to make use of the facilities offered.
- (b). Pending the delivery of such additional raw materials a sufficient quantity be released from existing stocks under A.C. control to enable repairs to be commenced.
3. It is further requested that approval be given for the release direct from Allied stocks to M.M.I.A. of :-
- (a). Material for cold repairs to tubes in Army workshops. 5361
- (b). Covers and tubes to meet the net deficiencies listed in Appendix "A" of our Q/5/9 11 April which will remain after all repairable covers and tubes have been reconditioned.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

/sl.

Subject:- Transport R. Mil. Academy LECCE.

Land Forces Sub Comd. A.O.

(R.M.I.A.)

R.M.E.

Q/5/3

5 May 45,

To: 54 Area for R.M.I.A. (LC)

Reference your ST/1026 26 Apr.

The W.E. of this Unit is provisional only, and no transport has yet been officially authorized.

Instructions are now being issued that owing to the acute shortage of transport the maximum number of vehicles which may be retained is:-

5 M/C
3 M/C (Combination)
2 Passenger Vans.
10 Load Carriers
12 Tractors.

Tyres and Tubes may be released for these vehicles. All other vehicles at present held should be returned at once to Repair Unit BARI.

RAC

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

Copy: S.T.
R.M.E.

RAC/fm

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COPY SIGNAL:

FROM MIALO SARDINIA

DATE AND TIME
041400E

TO RMIA

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SECRET

REF RMIA LETTER S/Q/2/28 OF 12TH MARCH ON BIDS FOR SHIPPING(.)
 REQUEST BIDS BE SUBMITTED FOR SHIPPING TO MOVE THE FOLLOWING
 MATERIAL IN PERIOD 15 - 24TH JUNE TO DUEO(.) ITAL AIR FORCE
 MATERIAL RUTTING 50 TONS FOR A VOLUME OF 11,000 CUBIC FEET
 DECAUVILLE EQUIPMENT 20 TONS FOR A VOLUME OF 4500 CUBIC FEET
 NINE VEHICLES WEIGHING 46 TONS FOR A VOLUME OF 10,000 CUBIC FEET(.)
 ITAL ARMY EQUIPMENT SPARE PARTS FOR THE 100 TONS FOR A VOLUME
 OF 8,000 CUBIC FEET CHEMICAL STORES 300 CANS WEIGHING 32 TONS
 FOR A VOLUME OF 6400 CUBIC FEET JUTE SACKS 10 TONS FOR A VOLUME
 OF 2,000 CUBIC FEET (.) ESTIMATE THAT 200 TONS OF VARIOUS
 COMMISSARY MATERIALS FOR A VOLUME OF 40,000 CUBIC FEET WILL BE
 READY (.) ALSO ESTIMATE 100 TONS OF SADDLERY EQUIPMENT FOR A
 VOLUME OF 10,000 CUBIC FEET WILL BE READY.

S/Q/2/28

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Tel 237

Ref. AC/5694/IND.

Q/5/9 NREM/hh

2 May 1945

SUBJECT : Release of Automotive Material to
Produzione Ricambi Automezzi from
Service Surpluses.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.) ✓

FROM : Industry Sub-Commission.

1. The attached copy of this Headquarters letter, AC/5694/IND of 16th April 1945 to AFLRS, RAAC was forwarded by them to G-5 Section A.F. H.Q.

2. G-5, replying to Industry Sub-Commission Direct state that no surpluses exist in Service stocks but state that supplies of Italian ball-bearings are now en route from North Africa, consigned to you.

3. It would be appreciated if you would examine the possibility of releasing a portion of these, and any other supplies you may have for distribution in view of the grave need which exists for repairing essential civilian transport vehicles.

RAC
10 May

W. J. Maskrey

W. J. MASKREY
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Industry Sub-Commission.

Copy to : -
A.F.L.R.S., R.A.A.C.
Economic Section, A.C.
Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.

Encl. : -
As per para 1 above.

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FROM : M.M.I.A.
TO : 34 AREA

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DATE
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FOR M.M.I.A. LO (.) REF ST/1026 OF THE 26 (.)
INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOW REGARDING ISSUE TYRES TO MILITARY
ACADEMY

PROJEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

5357

(26)

Subject: Salvage Tyres.

Land Forces Sub Comm.

A.C. (M.M.L.)

10224

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26 April 45

Direz. Gen. Artiglierie Motorizzazione,
Ministry of War.

1. Reference your 04209/7880 dated 15 April 45, and further to telephone conversation.

2. A total of 7,000 tyres have now been accepted - 2,000 lorry sizes and 5,000 car sizes.

3. Only a small proportion of these are repairable, but the remainder are required by the Commissariat for the repair of boots.

4. In view of this, an arrangement has been made with M.M.L. Senior L.O. Naples, whereby all 7,000 tyres are removed from salvage to 291 Engineers Depot, Naples. Here, a representative of the Territorial Repairs Directorate Naples will examine the tyres as they are received and separate those which are required for repair for use on vehicles. When this is completed, a rail bid should be made by you to transport these tyres to Central MT Spare Parts Depot, Rome.

5. The balance of the 7,000 tyres will be used by Commissariat for the repair of boots.

6. Will you issue the necessary instructions to Territorial Repairs Depot, Naples, to ensure that all repairable tyres are

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5. The balance of the 7,000 tyres will be used by Commissariat for the repair of boots.

6. Will you issue the necessary instructions to Territorial Repairs Directorate Naples, to ensure that all repairable tyres are transported to Rome.

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File

Lt. Col.
for Major General,
Land Forces Sub Comm. (MIA)

Copy to:

MMIA Senior L.O., Naples.

Internal Copies:

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SUBJECT : Unit Vehicles

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/5/9

24 April 45
=====TO : MMIA LO NAPLES

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The attached requested fwd under your STN/15a dated 19 April 45 is returned. The issue of tyres and granting of repair facilities to vehicles mentioned therein is not approved.

RAC

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

RAC/lm

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Subject: Unit Vehicles.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
STN/15a

19 April 1945.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.)

SEE 24.

1. The attached request has been received from His Excellency, Lt.-Colonel the Duke of Ferra Capriola, Grand Prior of the Military Sovereign Order of Malta, for four 600 x 16 tires and tubes.

2. His Excellency commands four hospitals:

Principessa di Piemonte
Ereoleo
Albergo dei Poveri
Order of Malta

Vomero, Naples
Naples
Naples
Cosenza

These hospitals hold four vehicles which are not strictly Regio Esercito Vehicles, although all cater exclusively for military patients, and apparently receive clothing and rations from Army sources. The first mentioned appears on the Order of Battle.

3. The last replacement tires were received from U. S. Army sources, for which the hospital holds covering authority.

4. It is submitted, therefore, that in view of the above, the vehicles may be regarded as semi-military vehicles, similar to Carabinieri vehicles; and that repair facilities, but not vehicle replacements, be provided by the Italian Army.

BBK/ctg

"S a T. MMIA.

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GEORGE D. SMITH, JR.
Lt. Col., Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer.

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Subject : Provision of Tyres Italian Army.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

R O M E

Q/5/9

17 April 45.

AFHQ, G4(A)
G4(B)

Owing to a typographical error it is regretted that the attached letter was addressed to AFHQ for GI(A) and GI(B). While this correspondence will no doubt have been passed to you for action, a copy is enclosed herewith for easy reference.

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

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TRANSLATION

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From : M.O.W.
To : M.M.I.A.

Ref : 04269/7880
Date : 15/4/45

2/5/9.

Subject : Salvage Tyres.

From an inspection of a batch of tyres offered for sale to this Military Administration it appeared that 80% of the tyres covers (around 4,000) have torn canvas and therefore can not be repaired.

Of the remaining 20% (around 1,000)

- 500 are of the size 600x16 and fit for Italian Vehicles,
- 500 are of the size 900x13 and therefore unfit for Italian Vehicles,

2) M.M.I.A. NAPLES office has imposed among other conditions that of drawing the whole ~~batch~~ batch.

Considering that the weight of the latter is about 50 to 60 tons and the corresponding expense will amount to ~~2,500,000~~ 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 Liras it has been decided to buy the entire stock.

Telephonic instructions have already been given to NAPLES Repair Directorate to send to the Central Spare Depot all the tyre covers, size 600x16, which can be used again.

Regarding the remaining ^{TYRES} which can not be used any more, we suggest sending them to an Italian Civil establishment in order to salvage rubber for the needs of the Italian Army.

ERRERA

Signed Gen PROPERZU

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TO (FOR ACTION) A.F.H.Q.

TO (FOR INFO) MIDWEST FOR C.A.E.E., 54 AREA FOR MIA LO.

REF NO. Q/182

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FOR Q (AE) (.) REFERENCE MIDWEST SIGNAL C.A.E.E. 2/04184 OF 13 (.)

CONSIGN VOTE 7 AND 8 ITALIAN ARMY STORES TO MIA LO C/O ITALIAN

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TO (FOR INFO) MIDEAST

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FOR Q (AE) REFERENCE MIDEAST Q.A.E.2/0423 OF I3 (.) REQUEST YOU CALL
FORWARD ALL AVAILABLE ITALIAN ARMY SIGNAL STORES REPORTED IN ABOVE
QUOTED SIGNAL (.) FOR MIDEAST Q.A.E. PLEASE INFORM HOWARD

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: *EX 58907*
 Date/Time of Origin: *APR 121506B*

Message Centre No: *DI/285*
 Date/Time Recd: *APR 131115*
 Precedence: *PRIORITY*

FROM: *AFHQ SIGNED SIGNED GITE FHGCT*TO: *EMITTA BASE COMMAND, VIETNAM INFO MIA, AC*

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INFO - ACTION

Your GX 42570 dated 11th April

Para 1. All spares for Italian vehicles will be consigned to Land Forces Sub Commission (MIA) as directed in our FX 57073 of 8th April. Division of spares between MIA and TN Sub Commission will be made by AC on arrival material in ROME.

Para 2. Request you alter consignee of 200 tons already packed

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SUBJECT : Spare parts Civilian M.T. Sardinia

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/5/9

13 April 45

TO : MMIA LO C/o Allied Commission
Sardinia

Ref attached minute. There are sufficient spares of a type ~~suitable~~ for this purpose available at the Dump at Abbasanta.

Major Austin will have particulars of those not required for shipment to the ~~mainland~~.

The release of such material to maintain the vehicles allocated to the High Commissioner is approved.

RAC

R.A. CURTIES Lt.Col.
for Col. D.A. & Q.M.C.
M.M.I.A.

RAC/lm

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **GX 42570**
 Date/Time of Origin: **APR 111340**

Message Centre No: **D/7432**
 Date/Time Rec'd: **APR 121025**
 Precedence: **ROUTINE**

FROM: **BROTZDOOS SIGNED COTTER**

TO: **AFHQ G5 INFO AFHQ G4, ALLIED COMMISSION HQ ROME LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, (MMIA) ECONOMIC SECTION**

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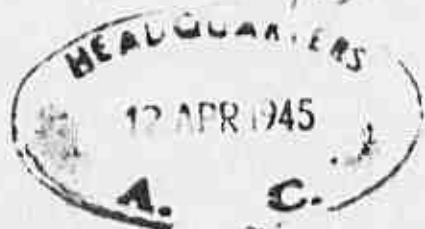
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All spares for Italian vehicles are available for shipment from ERITREA total approximately 800 tons states BROOTZKOOS. Also, these spares are controlled by British Military Authorities and stored at 525 Ordnance Mt Depot, 19 ARCA MEF approximately 200 tons are already packed consigned to Transportation Sub Commission Allied Commission HQ ROME in accordance with GHQ MEF instructions DOS diagonal 7747 diagonal 4 (1) dated 17 February. Reference your FX 57074. Balance about 600 tons are being prepared for packing. No spares from ERITREA are being consigned to (MMIA) Land Forces Sub Commission

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FROM MMIA

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TO DISTWO - 60 SUB AREA

INFO FIFTH ARMY BR INCR FOR MMIA LG

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①
YOUR 1626 Q1 31 MAR (.) SUBJECT REPAIRS AND TYRES VEHICLES
561 MINE CLEARANCE COY (.) UNIT SHOULD CONTACT 38 OFFICINA
MOBILE RESERVE FLORENCE WHO WILL SUPPLY

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SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME

TO (FOR ACTION): FREEMAN

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TO (FOR INFO): MIDWEST

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FOR QAS (.) REFERENCE MIDWEST QAS2/05559 OF 10 APR (.) RECENT MIDWEST

BE ASKED SELF ALL VOTE 7 AND 8 ITALIAN ARMY STORES (.) FOR MIDWEST QAS (.)

DPODEM HOWARD

PRECEDENCE Important to FREEMAN and MIDWESTAUTHENTICATION 1- N. H. H.Copy to: 02
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U R G E N T

Subject: Provision of Tyres - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
2/5/9

11 April 1945

To: AFHQ for G1 (A)
AFHQ for G1 (B)

1. From the latest census figures, Italian Army Transport at present in commission comprises:-

1100 Motorcycles
700 Cars
1900 Load Carriers

These figures are below the authorised holdings of ITI-ITI Units and it is necessary to complete such Units before commencing to release Allied Transport now loaned to Service Units both US and Br.

2. Repair Units have been established at ROME, NAPLES, BARI, FLORENCE and in SARDINIA. A heavy repair workshop is being established at TERNI.

In addition to carrying out Unit repairs the function of these workshops is to recondition the large number of Army Vehicles which have been collected in dumps at the places mentioned above.

It is hoped that, provided tyres and spare parts can be obtained, sufficient vehicles will be made roadworthy to enable the Italian Army to be independent of Allied assistance for a further period.

3. As regards spare parts, a consignment of 600 tons is expected from Middle East sources and this should, subject to examination, provide immediate requirements. Resort is also being made to cannibalised vehicles.

4. As regards tyres the position is less satisfactory. The majority of vehicles on the road are running on worn tyres. Existing stocks have been frozen and issue is now made only through the repair Units referred to above.

At Appendix "A" is given an estimate of the tyres and tubes which it is estimated will be required for maintenance during the six months ending 30 September together with existing stocks of serviceable and repairable tyres.

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This estimate is based on the number of vehicles at present in use and the output of reconditioned vehicles from workshops during the period.

As the majority of tyres are worn, it is considered necessary to provide for 100% replacement after six months further use. This will enable tyres to be withdrawn before they are beyond repair.

5. Few repair facilities for tyres exist owing to lack of raw material and the requisitioning by the Allies of the necessary plant. The PIRELLI Works in Rome, for example, are operated to only a part of their capacity by "B" Sub Workshops, No. 1 Adv Base Workshop (British).

Civilian sources of supply and repair are being fully utilised by A.C. who for example are assisting the PIRELLI firm to establish a factory at TIVOLI.

6. I recommend that -

- (a) Repair facilities be granted the Italian Army at installations under Allied control.
- (b) The necessary raw materials be issued to the Italian Army to enable them to operate their own repair plants and become less dependent on (a) above.
- (c) Provision be made for release of serviceable covers and tubes to the Italian Army until the Italian Government is in a position to import or manufacture the necessary number.

I wish to urge that this whole question be examined very urgently as failure to make provision now will inevitably lead to further demands on Allied Transport, whereas if the tyre problem can be eased the reverse should be the case and it might even become possible to withdraw U.S. and British vehicles now on loan.

FJN/le

L. Brown
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: ST 1581A

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Type of Vehicle	Type Sizes	Estimated Minimum Requirements by 30 September 45	Stocks so far Discovered or Disclosed				Net Deficiency after all Repairable have been Repaired		
			Covers	Tubes	+Useable Repairable	+Useable Repairable			
(1) Motor Cycles and Tricycles	(2) 3.20 x 19 3.25 x 19	(3) 2500	(4) 2500	(5) 500	(6) 1400	(7) 100	(8) 400	(9) 600	(10) 2000
	4.00 x 15	300	300	-	-	250	-	300	50
	5.00 x 15 } 5.50 x 15 }	850	850	-	400	75	75	450	775
	6.00 x 16 7.00 x 16	650	850	25	125	75	-	700	775
	5.50 x 18	300	300	400	150	125	-	50	475
	5.00 x 19	250	250	250	-	25	-	-	225
LOAD CARRIERS	7.00 x 18	900	900	550	100	300	-	250	600
	7.00 x 20	1100	1100	700	600	600	175	-	325
	7.50 x 20	4500	4500	600	1625	650	600	2275	3250
	9.00 x 20	300	300	100	25	25	-	175	275
	10.50 x 20	2100	2100	775	575	500	100	750	1500

NOTE - 2/3rds part worn. Interchangeable sizes taken into account. In addition there are approximately 2000 covers and tubes of other sizes only for vehicles of a type in little use.

DATE	TIME
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Q-16E

FOR QAB (.) REFERENCE MIDEAST QAB2/03359 OF 10 APR (.) REQUEST MIDEAST
BE ASKED SHIP ALL VOTE 7 AND 8 ITALIAN ARMY STORES (.) FOR MIDEAST QAB (.)
INFORM HOWARD

PRESIDENCE Important to FREEDOM and MIDEAST

AUTHENTICATION

Copy to: Q2
9/08

See folio 15.

RAAC MESSAGE FORM

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CALL	CIRCUIT No.	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
NR	IMMEDIATE	QVR 1	
SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY			
FROM (A) MIDEAST			DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 101945B
TO (FOR ACTION) MMIA			
TO (FOR INFORMATION) AFHQ QAE			MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS GR
(REF. No.) QAE2/03359		(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION)	SECRET

FOR HOWARD.

ONE.

YOUR Q138 OF 5 AND AFHQ FX 57074 FHGCT OF 8 COPY TO YOU. 600 TONS ITALIAN MT SPARES NOW IN COURSE OF SHIPMENT FROM ALEXANDRIA CONSIGNED MAGAZINO CENTRADO PARDI RICAMBIO ROME FOR MMIA AS PER AFHQ FX 34550 OF 27 FEB COPY TO YOU. POSITION REGARDING ALL OTHER ITALIAN MT SPARES REPORTED ERITREA IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY MIDEAST AND ALL SURPLUSES WILL BE DESPATCHED TO YOU IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFHQ FX57074 FHGCT OF 8. POSITION IS NOW CLEAR.

TWO.

THERE ARE LIMITED AMOUNTS OF VOTE 7 AND 8 ITALIAN ARMY STORES AVAILABLE AT D'PS THROUGHOUT MIDEAST WHICH LATTER ARE ANXIOUS TO DISPOSE OF. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU REQUEST AFHQ TO APPLY MIDEAST FOR RELEASE ALL ITALIAN STORES TO MMIA FOR ITALIAN ARMY EXCEPT THOSE UNECONOMICAL FOR SHIPMENT. PLEASE TREAT AS URGENT AS CERTAIN DEPS ABOUT TO BE CLOSED. I WILL WAIT YOUR REPLY BUT UNLESS YOU HAVE FURTHER INSTRS FOR ME PROPOSE RETURNING CMF ON OR ABOUT 15 APRIL. GRATEFUL SIGNAL REPLY FOR HOWARD CARE OF QAE

DECIPHERED 110630B

LOCAL DISTRIBUTION

PRECEDENCE:

ORIGINATING SECTION:

A. G. AUTHENTICATION:

ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:

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TIME CLERK

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TRANSLATION 50/rro 7 April 1945

SARDINIA TERRITORIAL OFFICE
Services Office

No. 2438/AUT.

APC 75/A, 6 April 1945

SUBJECT: Turn Over of Automotive Equipment to the Office of the
High Commissioner for Sardinia.

TO : M.M.I.A.

1. Most of the 100 trucks allocated to the Office of the High Commissioner for Sardinia by the Italian Ministry of War in agreement with the MMIA have already been consigned.

2. A few of these trucks are often becoming inefficient and are not able to be used due to their old type engines.

3. The Office of the High Commissioner for Sardinia is forced to ask this office for allocation of spare parts in order to repair these trucks which break down from time to time.

4. We would like to know now if the requests which might be submitted to this office by the High Commissioner for the release of material in question (tires excluded) can be fulfilled and if authorization for said release can be granted at once.

BRIGADIER GENERAL
H.M. Scalabrino
/s/ Scalabrino

1st Ind. Y LRA/rro

SARDINIA DETACHMENT, LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C. (MMIA), 7 April 1945

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

1. Request instructions regarding the demand in basic communication 5333

2. Inviting attention to your signal AQ 3309 dated 2 December 1944.

3. Major Hall, who left here yesterday for Rome, is no doubt acquainted with type of trucks mentioned in basic communication and availability of spare parts on island.

Abbasanta Camp

Austin.

LESTER H. AMBERT
Lt Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: NMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

TO: DIRECTOR

05-11-50

Infor. AMB for Q(AM)

Q-148

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URGENT (.) For Lt Colonel Howard NMIA Liaison Officer at present
 visiting your HQ (.) Request Italian Army Lt Colonel (.) Request Q(AM)
 2/30/50 23 FEB. AND AFHQ PX34550 AT PER. SITE PROCP (COMM) Request (.)
 Investigate Request 500 TONS AT SPANISH FRONT WITHIN BRITISH
 Request 500 TONS ADDITIONAL TO BE GRATED (.) PROCEED THERE ITALIAN
 ARMY ORIGIN (.) FOR AFHQ REQUEST AUTHORITY ABOVE BE CONSIDERED RE-
 BATING CONTRAST FAVOR FAVORABLE FOR NMIA

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED _____

INTERMEDIATE
INTERNAL

8:30

See photo 6.

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SUB: Provision of TyresHQ No 2 District CMF.
1626 Q1.

81 Mar 45.

MEMO

1. HQ 60 Sub Area have reported that the two vehs (4 ton Fiat lorries) on charge to 561 Italian Mine Clearance Coy are both at present off the road owing to lack of tyres and tubes.
2. MEMO LO Brit Increment Fifth Army states that 231 Div cannot at present supply these items, but that stocks should shortly be available.
3. In view of the fact that tot in 60 Sub Area can ill be spared for conveying the personnel of the a/m Coy to and from their work as is at present the case, it would be appreciated if steps could be taken to ensure the speedy release of tyres and tubes to 231 Div and subsequent release to 561 Italian Mine Clearance Coy.

Cue
(10)2
12/12/45 15:33
Major General, 10
Comd No 2 District.

Nº 38 Officina Mobile Pesante Firenze

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