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Q15/10 M.T. RECOVERY ARMY - VEHICLES  
Opened June 4, 1945 - Closed July 26, 1945



Subject: Transportation of Italian Army Vehicles

Italy Plan to Ship Convoy, 100,  
(U.S. No. 1, 1, 1)  
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To: Ministry of War.

Reference is made to your letter of 24 July in which you refer to the shipment of Italian Armored Forces vehicles to the United States in connection with the possibility of such vehicles being loaned to the Italian Army for use in the Italian theater.

This Department is aware of its such agreement as that to which you refer. The general of such material is provided in the Italian Army's letter of 24 July in which it is stated that the Italian Army is planning to ship 100 armored vehicles to the United States for use in the Italian theater. It is noted that the Italian Army is planning to ship 100 armored vehicles to the United States for use in the Italian theater. It is noted that the Italian Army is planning to ship 100 armored vehicles to the United States for use in the Italian theater.

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Subject: Release - Italian Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME  
Q/5/10

16 July 45

To: M.M.I.A. LO.  
HQ 1 District  
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1. Ref attached AFHQ Release Order No. VR/3/CAP dated 19 Jul 45.
2. Please arrange for collection of these vehicles and for their handing into O.A.R.E. Workshops, BOLOGNA.
3. No.9 A.R.V.P. is located at JESI, and No.10 A.R.V.P. at CESSIA.

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R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.  
for Col. D.Q.M.G.  
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Requisition of FIAT 1500 No. 8704.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.  
15/10  
26 July 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference attached copy correspondence in respect of the FIAT 1500 No. 8704 C.T. requisitioned from MAUGERI Sebastiano di Salvatore, ADI S. FILIPPO (Cantania - Sicilia).

An investigation will be made as to the requisitioning and present location of the above mentioned car, and a report forwarded to this H.Q.

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

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*SEE 164/1-30 July*

Copy to:- 45 Claims and Hirings (reference your 003/45/154 5037 dated 20 July 45.).



TRIPPLICATE.....

No. 449211

17th November 1943.

MAUGERI Sebastiano di Salvatore  
Contrada Nizada AC S. FILIPPO

FIAT 1500

Type Cabriolet

Sedan body

Colour - Black and white

Five seater

Chassis 1500 - 001596

Engine 1500 - 001367

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Claims & Hirings Officer,  
Claims & Hirings.  
C.M.F.RBO/4171REQUISITIONING.

Reference your CH/45/8, dated 29th June 45.

Requisition Receipt Note No. 449211 in respect of Fiat 1500 was issued by ADCC 56 Area during Nov 43. This note has, however, since been cancelled and the car derequisitioned in accordance with the details endorsed on the enclosed triplicate copy. No payment has been, or will be, authorised by this office.

Please return the enclosed in due course.

No. 8 Base Command      for Command Paymaster.  
Lieut.

Reference your CH/45/8, dated 29th June 45.

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Please return the enclosed in due course.

No. 8 Base Command                      for Command Paymaster.  
Pay Office,  
C.M.F.  
7th July 1945.

Lieut.

Subject:- Requisition of Car.

45 Claims and Hirings  
CC3/45/454  
20 July 45.

FIAT 1500 No. 8704 C.T. requisitioned from MAUGERI  
Sebastiano di Salvatore, AGI S. FILIPPO (Catania -  
Sicilia).

The attached copies of a letter dated 7 Jul 45 <sup>57:36</sup> from  
8 CFO and enclosure thereto explain the above-mentioned requisition.

As the claimant states he has not had the car returned,  
may the necessary enquiries be made with the Italian Sabauda Division  
and this office advised of the results of your enquiries.

A.E. KAUFMANN Capt.  
Claims and Hirings Officer.

Copy only/fem



Subject:- Recovery of German Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.

(M. M. I. A.)

0/5/10

26 July 1945.

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To:-

M.M.I.A. L.O.  
N.W. Italy.

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Reference your NWI/3/0 dated 23 July 45.

Action taken with local A.C. officials noted.

Your paragraph 3. It is pointed out no expert advice need be made available to A.C. officials as decision in all doubtful cases rests with M.M.I.A. Authority A.F.M.O. AG 386.3/163 LOG-0 dated 22 June forwarded under our 4/95 of 14 July 45.

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

Copy to:-

M.M.I.A. L.O. Turin.  
M.M.I.A. L.O. c/o 60 Sub Area.

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Subject : Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

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

R O M E

9/5/10

24 July, 1945

To : A.F.H.Q. (2)

1. Instructions have been issued to the War Ministry that Italian Army vehicles found circulating without the official registration certificate issued by M.M.I.A. through the War Ministry to the bonafide holders are to be impounded.

2. It is hoped by tightening up on the measures already adopted with this object in view that a number of vehicles at present on the road without due authority may be recovered and used to make good existing deficiencies in Italian Army transport. This measure will also assist in preventing the unauthorized use of Allied gasoline.

3. While the GMR are being instructed to take the necessary action the assistance of the Allied Military Police, especially at road blocks under Allied control would be invaluable. It is therefore requested that instructions may be given to this effect to Allied Commanders. A suggested draft is attached.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel,  
for Major General,  
Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.  
M.M.I.A.

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D R A F T

Subject : Italian Army Vehicles - Recovery of.

To : C.E. Fifth Army

F.B.C.

C.O.C. 13 Corps

" No. 1 District

" No. 2 District

" No. 3 District.

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1. Instructions have been issued by the Italian War Ministry that all Italian Army vehicles including motor cycles are to carry on the windscreen, or otherwise prominently displayed, a registration certificate. This certificate is triangular in shape, printed in the Italian national colors, and bears the registered number of the vehicle and designation of the Unit authorized to operate it.
2. With the object of recovering Italian Army vehicles improperly in possession of units or individuals (Civilian or Military) and preventing the unauthorized use of Allied gasoline, the CDR have been instructed to impound all such vehicles circulating without an official label as described above. This measure, hitherto in force south of the limits of Rome Territorial Command, is being extended to the whole of Italy and a special drive is being instituted.
3. Every Italian Army vehicle improperly on the road which can be recovered for the Italian Army will indirectly assist the Allied authorities and

be made at present on Allied resources. You are

2. With the object of recovering Italian Army vehicles improperly in possession of Units or individuals (Civilian or Military) and preventing the unauthorized use of Allied gasoline, the COM have been instructed to impound all such vehicles circulating without an official label as described above. This measure, hitherto in force south of the limits of Rome Territorial Command, is being extended to the whole of Italy and a special drive is being instituted.

3. Every Italian Army vehicle improperly on the road which can be recovered for the Italian Army will indirectly assist the Allied authorities and reduce the demands necessarily made at present on Allied resources. You are therefore requested to cooperate by the issue of instructions to all ~~responsible~~ <sup>responsible</sup> that Italian Army vehicles, identified as such by bearing an A.S. registration number, found on the road without the official windscreen label are to be impounded and held at the nearest Allied Unit. A report should be submitted to the nearest M.M.I.A. I.C. who will arrange disposal. In addition to those at the Headquarters of Districts, 13 Corps and 5th Army M.M.I.A. I.C.'s are established at :

BARI (c/o 54 Area)  
MILAN (c/o 59 Area)  
GENOA (c/o 60 Sub Area)  
TURIN (c/o 151 Sub Area)  
LONDON (c/o P.B.S.)  
FLORENCE (c/o Florence City Command).

The following particulars are to be given :

Registration No. of vehicles,  
Type of vehicle,  
Unit to which handed over,  
Date, place and time at which impounded.



TRANSLATION.

From: Ministry of War.

Ref: 6/7422/

To: Territorial Military Commands

M.M.I.A. for information

Date: 23 July 45

Subject: Discipline and control of military vehicles  
of Italian make.Reference letter 6/5845/Serv. dated 21 June 1945.

M.M.I.A. has notified us that shortly the confiscation of all vehicles not in possession of travel labels as ordered by M.M.I.A., will include all Italian territory.

With reference to the above we beg the u/m H.Qs:

- a) Territorial Military H.Qs of Northern Italy <sup>are</sup> to arrange for labels, forwarded in letter 6/6736/Serv. dated the 10 July 1945, to be posted immediately on vehicles on the strength of administrative transport companies under Command.
- b) G.H.Q. CC.RR. is to arrange for all dependant H.Qs located in Northern Italy to forward immediately to this S.M., a return of vehicles, classified as follows i.e.: type and licence number, which are on their strength. The issue of the necessary labels will be based on the abovementioned return.

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Subject:-- Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

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

8/5/45

23 July 1945.

To:-- All M.L.I.A. I.Os.

The following copy of A.F.M.O. Signal BX 26569 dated 22 July 45 is forwarded for your information.

*W.H. Kuntze*  
R.A. GUTHRIE Lt. Col.  
for Major General,  
M. L. I. A.

HM/Com

Internal Distribution:--

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FROM : A.F.M.O.

TO : FIFTH ARMY EIGHTH ARMY  
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INFO : ALCON VETIA

REF : BX 26569

DESTROYED.

(1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY THIS HEADQUARTERS DIRECTIVE AC386.3/163 LOG-O

DATED 22 JUNE PARAGRAPHS 9c AND 9d 3 ALL ITALIAN VEHICLES NOW IN VEHICLE PARKS AND AMMUNITION REMAINS WILL BE MARKED OVER AS FOLLOWS - MILITARY VEHICLES TO BE

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INFO : ALCOA DATA

REF : IN 26569

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RESTRICTED.

(1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY THROUGH HEADQUARTERS DIRECTIVE AC386.3/163 LOG-0 DATED 22 JUNE PARAGRAPHS 2c AND 2d 3 ALL GERMAN VEHICLES NOW IN VEHICLE PARKS AND WAITING REPAIR WILL BE TURNED OVER AS FOLLOWS - MILITARY VEHICLES TO INDIA "OVERLEAF" TYPES TO ALLIED COMMISSION IMMEDIATELY

(2) AGREEMENTS FOR COLLECTION WILL BE MADE MUTUALLY BETWEEN AC/INDIA AND HEADQUARTERS CONCERNING DEETS (.) ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO INSTRUCTIONS IN

ABOVE QUOTED REFERENCE (.)

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(3) FOR ALCOA (.) THIS AGREEMENT YOUR 1022 DATED 16 JULY (.) NOT POSSIBLE AT PRESENT TO TURN OVER CAPTURED GERMAN VEHICLES UNTIL MILITARY NEEDS ARE MET (.)

YOUR 57 OF 19 JUNE OAS/628 OF 22 JUNE REFER



Subject:- Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) RCME.  
0/5/10  
23 July 1945.

To:-

M.M.I.A. L.O.  
c/o Florence City Command.

Reference our Q.402 of 30 June and Q.426 of 11 July 45.

1. 7 Adv. R.V.P. at Arezzo have informed us that vehicles released under Br. Ordnance release orders DOS/2166, DOS/2806, DOS/2980, DOS/2635 not yet collected, have been reclassified Class 6 and passed to salvage. In consequence, they may no longer be available for collection.
2. DOS/2635 and DOS/2980 release orders were forwarded to you in our letter 0/5/10 dated 17 May and 21 June respectively, and you were instructed to arrange for 5 Repairs Unit in Florence to collect them. There is no record of the other two release orders, but it is believed that they may have been sent to you direct.
3. Should vehicles be still available, it is requested you instruct 5 Repairs Unit to collect them, alternatively contact L.O. 1 District who should arrange for their collection by Bologna Territorial H.Q.
4. If vehicles released under DOS/2166 and DOS/2806 cannot be released without Br. Ordnance release orders, please inform this H.Q. where arrangements will be made to obtain a duplicate copy of them.

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

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Copy to:- M.M.I.A L.O. c/o 1 District.

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MINISTRY: Translation  
 from: Food ~~Case Directorate~~ ref. A/VIII/261  
 to: MMIA & 22 July 45  
 Transportation Sub. Com. (AC)

Subject: Shortage of transport vehicles in  
 the province of PERUGIA

- ① This Ministry had requested the M. of W to cancel temporarily instructions concerning the withdrawal of military vehicles used in the province of PERUGIA to transport food supplies. —
- ② The M of W have <sup>now</sup> answered that a/an withdrawal had been ordered by MMIA & that to meet civil requirements we must submit a request to the Allied Authorities concerned, who have special Transport logs. —
- ③ In order to avoid the inconveniences that have taken place in the province of PERUGIA, we beg you to arrange for a release of vehicles needed to transport food supplies. —

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Translation.

From: M. of War.

Ref. 215372/LL

To: M.M.I.A.

220.13.26  
Dtd : 21 July 45Subject: Vehicles of the Italian Armed Forces.

1.

From information received by this Ministry, it would appear that, recently, an agreement has been made between Allied H.Q. and a group of firms and financiers of Northern Italy, regarding the issue of 10,000 (ten thousand) vehicles of German Armed forces registration.

2.

There would also appear to be negotiations in hand for the issue of a further 8,000 (eight thousand) unserviceable vehicles for the purpose of supplying spare parts for the maintenance, in running order, of the first supply of vehicles.

3.

As is known, since the 8 Sept 43, very many vehicles belonging to the Italian Army were stolen by the Germans and furnished with German registration numbers. It is probable, that among the vehicles included in the above-mentioned issue, there may be some to which, as admitted by M.M.I.A., the Military Administration, could claim the right of possession.

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We point out therefore, the necessity, already

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mentioned in S.M.A.E. letter No 1/2621/Serv. dtd. 16 June 45, of carrying out the search ~~xx~~ for ~~a~~ classification of all motor vehicles of Italian origin, seized or in any way recoverable, including those of German registration, for the purpose of being able to assure the restoring to the Military Administration of vehicles which are the property of the Italian Army.

4. The indiscriminate issue of vehicles captured by the Allies to civilian firms, would bring about grave difficulties, and would retard the utilisation of the vehicles, of which the Army has urgent need.

52 I am sure that the M.M.I.A. (which, in its letter of 6 July 45 No Q/10, has already issued instructions for facilitating the recovery of Italian military materials, and in particular of transport for the Military Territorial Commands, and has shown the greatest interest towards restoring to the Army its own vehicles) will adhere to the above-mentioned proposals to permit a prompt recovery of a considerable number of vehicles.

The Minister

sgd. Pacini.

*P. Pacini*

Subject: Italian Army Vehicles.

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

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20 July 45

MEMO TO  
S.M.I.A., MILAN

Ref your NWI/3/0 dated 13 July 45, copy to us.

1. Attached copy of letter from Transportation Sub Commission, 42/38/16/En 5 dated 10 July 45, for your information.
2. Your attention is drawn to para 4 of the a/c letter. All Italian Army vehicles will be recovered, without exception and irrespective of any claim which the present holders may have. The replacement of such vehicles is not the concern of the Italian Army.
3. With reference to your para 1, it is felt that this offers a definite loophole to A.C.G., inasmuch as it may well cause unnecessary delay in the handing over of Italian Army vehicles.
4. Please take no agreements, promises, compromises, or deals with regard to Italian Army vehicles. All vehicles, without exception, must be handed back to Italian Army, now. We must insist that all Allied Officers comply with instructions.

*Recd*

J.A. CURRIES Lt. Col.  
for Col. H.A.C.  
S.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.  
AFO 394.  
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION.

CF/ep

Ref: AG/38/16/Tn 5

10 July 45.

SUBJECT: Recovery of Motor Buses for Passenger Services.

TO : Regional Commissioner - LOMBARDIA REGION.

1. Reference is made to your letter TN/170/146 dated 7 July 45.
2. It is assumed that the buses mentioned in the letter number 669 dated 22 June 1945, from the General Inspector, Ministry of Communications, are held in Army control vehicle parks. It is pointed out that any such vehicles which previously belonged to the Italian Army may not be withdrawn from vehicle parks but will be handed back to the Italian Army at a later date.
3. With regard to motor buses to which local firms can prove title, there would appear to be no objection to representatives of these firms visiting parks in order to identify their vehicles. It is agreed that the firms should be supplied with an identity certificate by the Compartiment of Motorization, endorsed by the Allied Military authorities in the area concerned. On identification of vehicles the responsibility for authorizing release rests with the Army authorities concerned. There would appear to be no objection to vehicles in this category being handed back to their owners provided that ownership is proved.
4. It is again stressed that no Italian Army or German Army equipment can be released to private individuals.
5. It is suggested that you should notify the General Inspector, Ministry of Communications of the above procedure and approach Army authorities concerned with a view to obtaining the necessary permission for any identification visits and subsequent possession of vehicles.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

G. FERNYHOUGH  
Lt. Colonel, R.A.

cc:

WMA  
War Materials Disposal S/C  
Transportation S/C (2)

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Subject:- Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles.

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

→ 25/10  
19 July 1945.

M.M.I.A. I.O.  
c/o HQ Florence City Command.  
A.F.O. 782

6/4.

Reference attached copy of your letter dated 9 June 1945.

1. In accordance with AFHQ Policy, all Italian Army Vehicles in the hands of civilians, irrespective of the condition they were in at the time the holders acquired them, are to be returned to the Italian Army in their present condition.
2. Authority can not be given for these vehicles to be retained until 30 Oct and the necessary steps will ~~then~~ be taken without delay for their immediate recovery.

*RAC*

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

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Copy to:- Ministry of War (your <sup>23246</sup>4948MR dated 13 July 45 refers)

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Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)  
Rome  
Q/5/10

19 July 1945

## MEMORANDUM:

TO : Major Long  
LO, Sicily

1. Note attached copy of letter from Ministry of War.
2. The Ministry has been advised that they have full authority to requisition these seven trucks as they requested.
3. Please investigate the matter and give us a report on this whole case. The information we have is that no vehicles as such were sold to civilians by the Allies in Sicily. Certain salvage was probably sold by Allied officers, but these vehicles could hardly be considered salvage at this price. Evidently Palermo Headquarters is very familiar with the details, and we would like to know what Allied officers sold these vehicles and the complete story.

(K)  
C. P. KERR  
Colonel, Infantry

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1 Incl: Ltr Min of War, 12 July 1945

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COPY TRANSLATION

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MINISTRY OF WAR  
DIRECTOR GENERAL ARTILLERY AND MOTORIZATIONRef: 14404  
08066

Rome, 12 July 1945

Subject: Requisitioning of Vehicles

To : Land Forces Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)

1. During February 1944, Mr Antonino PATERNO CASTELLO, Marquis of S. Giuliano, Major of Catania during the period of liberation, obtained from the Allies, in partnership with the firm Rosario CANGEMI also of Catania, the concession of a number of trucks and wrecks belonging to the Italian Army for the small sum of 1,040,000 lire.

2. By the following April, the above mentioned gentlemen had managed to put 12 of these vehicles in working order.

Five of these vehicles were sold during the Month of July, to the Royal Navy for the sum of 4,000,000 lire.

3. During the month of October 1944, the above mentioned partners were apprehended by the police, because during a search of the Cangemi Stores, considerable quantities of petrol of British origin and various materials of Italian Army origin, were found on the premises.

4. On 28 October 1944, the Sicily Military Headquarters, on invitation of the Allied Commission, withdrew from the Marquis of S. Giuliano and partner, seven trucks, because it came to their knowledge that the above partners were negotiating to sell them also to the Royal Navy.

5. In the meantime, the State Exchequer asked to confirm if the Marquis of S. Giuliano and Partner could claim legitimate possession of above-mentioned vehicles. The Exchequer confirmed that they could, recognizing that the above-mentioned partners were the legal possessors of the vehicles which were purchased from the Allied authorities.

6. Having thus stated the above, and in consideration

That the Marquis of S. Giuliano paid a very poor sum of money to the Allies for the wrecks handed to him.

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That the profit made from the sale of five trucks to the Royal Navy, amounted to approximately four times greater than the amount paid for the complete number of wrecks, to the Allies.

Of the further profit made from the use of the remaining seven vehicles in transport of a private character.

Of the purely speculative nature of his purchase, and repairing of the wrecks, which had no beneficial reflection from a public utility point of view, proved by the fact that the further sale of seven trucks to the Royal Navy was being contracted.

Of the favorable repercussions of the local public opinion, as the speculative nature of the purchases and repairs etc is well known.

Of the absolute necessity of the Military Administration to gain possession of as many vehicles as possible previously belonging to them.

We propose:

The requisitioning of the above-mentioned seven trucks from the Marquis of S. Giuliano paying suitable prices and assigning them to the Palermo Military Headquarters, who have repeatedly complained of their scarcity of transport in proportion to the service needs of the Island.

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
(Gen P. G. Properzj)

/s/ P. G. Properzj



SIGNAL MESSAGE

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DATE TIME

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FROM MMIA

TO DISTONE - FLORENCE CITY COMMAND -  
PIREBASE - 54 AREA

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FOR MMIA IO (.) ~~SUBJECT~~ RECOVERY ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES FROM U.S. AFCD  
 APX B TO Q/5/10 OF 21 JUNE 45 (.) ONE (.) FOR BOUNNE AND ~~QUINN~~ (.)  
 RECEIVED FOLLOWING SIGNAL FROM CG AMFSC MTO (.) QUOTE (.) COMMANDING  
 OFFICER D.P.No.1, AFCD No.14 HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RELEASE TO MMIA ALL  
 ITALIAN VEHICLES ON HAND AT THE D.P. (.) THIS ANSWERS YOUR MESSAGE Q 434  
 DATED 13 JULY CURRENT (.) RELATED SUBJECT (.) HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY AIR  
 FORCE ORDNANCE THAT ONLY A SMALL QUANTITY OF ITALIAN VEHICLES HAVE BEEN  
 PICKED UP BY MMIA TO DATE (.) REQUEST PICK UP OF SUBJECT VEHICLES BE  
 EXPEDITED (.) UNQUOTE (.) TWO (.) FOR ALL ADDRESSES (.) REQUEST YOU  
 REPORT WHAT IS STATUS OF PICK UP OF THE VEHICLES

IN PRECEDENCE

*Important**SEE 77/3*

AUTHENTICATED

*Julham Corp.**SEE 102*

Subject: Italian Military Vehicles

Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)  
Rome  
Q/5/10  
18 July 1945

To : Headquarters ALCOM

1. The following information has been received:

a. Major H. J. O. Prinsloo, Provincial Officer, Legnano-Verona District, is interfering with Italian Army Recovery Commission No 21 in their collection of Italian Military vehicles, and is attempting to issue order to the Recovery Commission, and inciting civilians to resist the Commission.

b. On 2 July, Major Prinsloo told Lt Franchini of the Recovery Commission that the only trucks that the Italian Army could repossess were the "Bianchi Miles".

2. Major Prinsloo's interference with the Italian Army Recovery Commission is contrary to current AFHQ instructions, especially those contained in Par 9 j (3) of AFHQ letter, file AG 386.3/163 LOG-O of 22 June 1945, subject: Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy.

3. Request that adequate instructions be issued to ALCOM officers in the field to prevent further unwarranted interference with duly authorized Italian Army Units.

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

CPK/lak

cc: Major Van Kirk  
MMIA LO 5 Army

Alamy has passed on. All people have no authority in this matter. Don't let recovery Commission to disregard such instructions and get on with their job. You are at liberty to invite such people to go to the devil. We make no compromises, no deals with them. I can only believe that such interference is prompted by ulterior motives, such as financial interest.



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Subject:- Requisitioned vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.  
Q/5/10  
17 July 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference your 12100/V dated 14 June 1945.

1. Information has been received that the vehicles belonging to Caminiti Rocco & Co. were not requisitioned by 9 C.R.E. Workshops, but were used by the owners in connection with a contract for sleepers.
2. As this contract has expired, the vehicles have reverted to the firm's use.

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

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Subject:- Recovery of Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.  
9/5/10  
16 July 1945.

To:-

M.M.I.A. L.O.  
c/o H.Q. 1 District.

Reference our 9/5/10 dated 13 July 1945.

Please amend letter to read -

"C.G. AAFSC/ATO has been requested to order the American Unit to release immediately the vehicles in question".

*J. M. H.*  
R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.  
FOR MAJOR GENERAL  
M. M. I. A.

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Translation

From Ind. W.

to H. H. I. L.

JL Q/S/10

Ref 072/4797 H.R.

Date 14/7/45.

Subject: Letter from JAVROS at Caparra, Puerto Rico.

The letter to 4574 2738 H.R. dated 5/5/45 addressed to Vilano Ind. District, was informed that the L. J. JAVROS, by documents held at the above for Direction, was not included amongst those belonging to the Station any at the date 8/9/45. The letter stated however, that, owing to the type, the letter may belong to Ind. District.

Inquiries have already been made at the Train M.T. Supply Office who before the 8th Sept 45 were concerned with the distribution of vehicles to army units and who are in possession of all documents necessary to ascertain whether the vehicle is of Ind. District origin.

P. J. Prohazky

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From: M. of W.  
To: NMIA.

Ref: 14424/21.  
Dtd., 13 July 45.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

for the Minister  
(sgd) Gen., P.G. Properzi.

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Note. - S. & T.

Copy to M.A. by request.

Almudi



Report on the M.T. situation. N.W. ITALY.

1. Per arrangement with M.M.I.A. L.C. N° I District the Italian MT. in his area will for the present be served by the Montorio Workshops near Verona until more permanent arrangements can be made in the 8th Army and I District Areas.
2. My visit to Major Van Kirk M.M.I.A. L.C. Fifth Army Rear on the 23rd June 1945 to request the release by Ord. of the several thousands of tons of Italian Spares found in the Baggio area was amicably settled by Lt.Col. Clark, Ord. Dept. on the 26th June 1945 when a written authority was signed giving me full control of all spares for M.T. and Engineer Stores in this area. These stores which were housed in the Baggio Barracks are now being removed to my main workshops where I have the main stores building. The clearing of the Baggio barracks is an A.F.H.Q. order and is first priority in this area. In order to ensure that these stores were properly controlled the clearance work is being supervised by myself personally with British Transport and cranes supplied by 59 Area Milan.

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more carefully organise the main Workshops at Bologna, Milan ~~and~~ and Turin, and the secondary shops we propose for Genoa, Verona, Bolzano, Udine and Trieste.

5: On the 7th July 1945 3 load carriers and ~~XXXXXX~~ 2 auto-carreti were sent to Genoa and a similar number to Turin for the use of the Territorial Commands. It is hoped to complete the W.E.s of these T.C.s in approximately 1 month.

As Major Kyle is now operating in this area I assume that the control of the Efficient Parks will be attended to by him.

6: I am preparing a chart in map form giving the positions of Workshops and Parks etc in North Italy. This will be forwarded to you in the near future.

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- Authority for the release of vehicles from Fifth Army Parks has not as yet been received by me.
- The II Railway Wagons of SPA engines now at Mestre will be collected by the 2I Recovery Commission for dispersal by Main Workshops Milan.

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- 9: Col. Ballanzino is now in the Area and is thoroughly conversant with the above points. He will remain here for several days during which period we shall visit all the M of W. depots and workshops under our control and prepare our suggested War Establishments for the Workshops for M.M.I.A. final approval.

*H. D. Edwards. Major.*  
*D.A.D.M.E.*



Mr. J. N. Odoms.

D. A. D. M. E.

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Subject:- Recovery of Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.  
2/5/10  
/s July 1945.

To:-

M.M.I.A. I.O.  
c/o H.Q. 1 District.

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Reference your Q.429 dated 12 July 45.

Should Ref Q 18

H.Q. WFOUSA have been instructed to order the American  
Unit to release immediately the vehicles in question.

*[Signature]*

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

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Subject:- Recovered Vehicles- W.D. No.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROSE,  
9/5/10  
13 July 1945.

To:-

O.C. 7 Adv. R.V.P.  
38 Vehicle Coy. R.A.O.C.

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Reference your 7 ARVP/V/1 dated 9 July 1945.

These vehicles have not been accepted for British Units, but on behalf of the Italian Army, and therefore the new allocation of W.D. numbers does not apply.

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

RAC/fem

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM:

MMIA

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TO : (FOR ACTION) CG, AAFSC/MTD

REFERENCE NUMBER

Q4343<sup>rd</sup> attachment

RESTRICTED (.) REFERENCE MTOUSA LETTER AG 451/770 D-0 OF  
3 JUNE SUBJECT DISPOSITION OF UNSERVICEABLE ITALIAN VEHICLES (.)  
LIST FURNISHED MMIA BY YOUR SECOND INDORSEMENT 386.3 DATED  
3 JULY INCLUDES VEHICLES AT DP-1 AFOD 14 LOCATED AT CAMPONICA  
NEAR ANCONA (.) COMMANDING OFFICER THERE REFUSES TO RELEASE  
VEHICLES, STATING HE HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU (.) REQUEST  
NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS BE ISSUED

PRECEDENCE \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHENTICATION \_\_\_\_\_

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To: station.

From: M. f. W.

Ref: 14404

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12/7/45.

To: MIA.

Subject: Requisitioning of vehicles.

1) During Feb., 1944, Mr. Antonio PATRNO CASTELLO, Marquis of S. Giuliano, mayor of Catania during the period of liberation, obtained from the Allies, in partnership with the firm Kosario CATGENI also of Catania, the concession of a number of trucks and wrecks belonging to the Italian Army for the small sum of 1.040.000 lire.

2) By the following April, the a/m gentlemen had managed to put 12 of these vehicles in working order.  
5 of these vehicles were sold during the Month of July, to the Royal Navy for the sum of 4.000.000 lire.

3) During the month of October 1944 the a/m partners were apprehended by the police, because during a search of the Cangemi Stores, considerable quantities of petrol of British origin, and various materials of Italian Army origin, were found on the premises.

4) On the 28th October 1944, the Sicily Mil., HQ, on invitation of the Allied Commission, withdrew from the Marquis of S. Giuliano and partner 7 trucks. Because it came to their knowledge that the above partners <sup>were negotiating</sup> ~~were~~ to sell them also to the Royal Navy.

5) In the meantime the State <sup>Exchange</sup> ~~Bank~~ asked to confirm if the Marquis of S. Giuliano and Partner could claim legitimate possession of a/m vehicles. The said <sup>Exchange</sup> ~~Bank~~ confirmed that they could, recognising that the a/m partners were the legal possessors of the vehicles which were purchased from the Allied Authorities.

6) <sup>thus</sup> ~~Then~~ having stated the above, and in consideration  
- That the Marquis of S. Giuliano paid a very poor sum of money ~~for~~ ~~the~~ to the Allies for the wrecks handed to him.  
- That the profit made from the sale of 5 trucks to the Royal Navy, amounted to approx., four times <sup>greater than</sup> ~~the~~ the amount paid for the





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Subject:- Recovery of Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. H. I. A.) ROME.  
Q/5/10  
12 July 1945.

To:-

M. H. I. A. L.O.  
Florence City Command.

Attached copy of A.F.H.Q. release order VR/2/CAP  
dated 5 July 1945 and British Ordnance release order DCS/2/CAP  
dated 7 July 1945.

It is requested you instruct No. 1 Workshop Control  
H.Q. at Bologna to collect the vehicles from 9 R.V.P. at ISSI  
and 10 A.R.V.P. at GENOVA.

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

Copy: Ministry of War.

RAG/fcm

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Q (AE) BRANCH

## VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/2/CAP

Date 5 July 1945.

To: H. A. Allied Commission for MIA

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

| Quantity | M.T. Code | Description of vehicles               | Class | Park/Group.      |
|----------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-------|------------------|
| 1        | NK        | Trailer 4-wheeled GS Officersa Called | -     | 9 RVF<br>IESI    |
| 1        | NK        | Car 4-wtr 4 x 2 Fiat                  | -     | 10 ARVP<br>CESNA |

Remarks: Unit to collect  
Captured enemy vehicles.

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Q-d (Br)
2. AFTER Q (AE) release and Q-d (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

T Richards Capt  
For Brigadier,  
Q (AE)

DISTRIBUTION:

Ord Br - Your DOS 3/61 (3) of 28 Jun refers  
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FROM NMIA

TO DISTONE

Q 429

FOR NMIA LO (.)

REF Q 8 (.) AUTHORITY IS MEMORIA LETTER AG 451/770 D-O OF

3 JUNE 45 ADDRESSED TO CG ARMY AIR FORCE MTO APO 650 AND

REPEATED TO CG AAFSC/ATO

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

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FROM MILIA

TO FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

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FOR MILIA LO (.) REF Q 402 30 JUN (.) PLEASE HASTEN  
COLLECTION OF OUTSTANDING VEHICLES

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Subject: Italian Military Vehicles in Hands of Civilians

Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)  
Rome  
Q/5/10

→ 7 July 1945

To : Minister for War

Ref MMIA letter Q/5/10 of 15 May 1945

1. With above letter you were furnished a list showing vehicles in the possession of civilian firms. Some of these vehicles have been returned to the custody of the War Ministry by the civilians.
2. In order to expedite the return of these vehicles to the Italian Army in accordance with AFHQ instructions, immediate action will be taken by you, under Italian law, which will insure the immediate return of these vehicles, in their present condition, to Army control.
3. These vehicles will be repossessed by you regardless of any contracts, permits, or other documents signed by Allied officers, which are null and void insofar as you are concerned. No Allied officer is authorized to interfere in any way with your action in this matter. The War Ministry is in no way responsible for any claims which the civilians may have in connection with these vehicles.
4. All MMIA letters in conflict with this letter are rescinded.

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*See (69) re 110 ltr  
in Q/5/10 First J.  
RAC*

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

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FOUR 6214 6JULY (.) REPLACEMENT VEHICLES 212 ARSEN DRY DEFICIENT  
 ON OUTPUT MILES REPAIR UNIT AT PERMIT FULLY DELIVERED PRODUCED  
 VEHICLES FOR NAMES THEN COMING ARSEN DRY DRY (.)  
 AM RECOMMENDING OBTAIN POSSESSION ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES FROM  
 MARCH TO PRESENT DEFICIENCY IN NAMES AND WILL ISSUE 212 DRY  
 BAREMET

COPY TO: RESEN  
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Subject:- Recovery of Larry O.M. TAURUS from the Camps of Captivity

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

Q/5/10

7 July 1945

To:-

Ministry of War

32/1

Reference your 21270 dated 26 June 1945.  
LOAA MR

14574

1. In your letter 2438 dated 15 May 1945, you informed the Military District of Viterbo, that from examination of documents held by the Directorate "Servente", Larry O.M. TAURUS does not appear to be included in vehicles belonging to the Italian Army on the 8 September 1943.

2. It is not understood why, in view of the above facts, you now claim this as an Italian Army Vehicle.

3. You are requested to elucidate this matter.

R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.

for Major General

M. M. I. A.

Cc/g to: A.C. for Executive Commission.

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War Material Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War  
Sub Commission. A.C.



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Subject: Excess Italian Army Vehicles and Property.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.  
(Lt. H. I. ...)

1/25/45  
1 July 1945

To:-

Ministry of War.

35/1

Reference is made to your L.F.C. 111 dated 23 June, and 4/ AM/211

undated, captioned Quadrangle and brought by hand.

1. Two million fifty quadrangles of various types have property in Italy and in Balkan Territories and Greece and such quadrangles in dealing with these Allied Commissions and L.F.C. officials.
2. Precise instructions have been issued to and by United Nations Command concerning the return of Italian Army property, including quadrangles, which are sent hence to the Italian Army on such L.F.C. 2.01. These L.F.C. are accompanied with other instructions and are to be sent to the L.F.C. officials.

For attention is directed to L.F.C. 111 dated 23 June 45.

In your L.F.C. 111, it is explained that one of the objects of sending them to L.F.C. 111, was to enable the Ministry of War to exercise control of these property.

The L.F.C. 111 is also to be authorized and intended to work through the International L.F.C. in which they are authorized.

An appendix 'B' of above L.F.C. 111, L.F.C. 111, is given the location of L.F.C. 111, L.F.C. and the authorized International L.F.C. and Italian L.F.C.

Difficulties of the nature mentioned in your L.F.C. 111, should be first referred to the L.F.C. 111, on the spot, in most cases the solution



Little information is being received from the Ministry as to the result of the Coover-Compton work, although word came from Mr. Coover that the position and other improvements being received.

While I, C. is interested in the successful recovery and re-employment of even as brief as possible transient vehicles.

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Author: J. A. J. J. J.

Prof. Macdonald

F. J. MONTEZ COL.  
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Subject:- Italian Military Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME  
Q/5/10  
3 July 1945.

To:-

H.Q. A.C. for Finance Sub Commission.

4-1 The attached copy of Transportation Sub-commission letter  
AC/349/Tn 5 dated 30 June 45 is forwarded for your information with  
reference to you 13069/F dated 29 June 45.

36 As the return of the vehicles is to be resumed, no doubt  
the War Ministry will require information as to the position of the  
firms concerned so far as any bond money is concerned. May this  
office be kept informed.

*RAC*

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

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Subject:- Italian Military Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME  
Q/5/10  
3 July 1955.

To:-

H.Q. A.C. for Finance Sub Commission.

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

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Subj: Italian Army Trucks used by Bombrini-Parodi-Delfino at Collesferro.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. I. A.) RCE.  
Q/5/10  
3 July 45.

To:-

*attached.*

H.Q. A.C. for Transportation Sub Comm. (Rail Division)

Reference your letter AC/103/18/Tn 4 dated 28 June 45.

Type I.F. 4 Ton truck No. Rome 83435  
Type FIAT 2½ " " " " 83206

Permission is granted for the above mentioned Italian Army vehicles at present held by the firm Bombrini-Parodi-Delfino at Collesferro, to be retained till the 15th July 1945, after which date they are to be returned to the Italian Army.

*RAC*

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

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Subject: Recovery Italian Army Property.

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

R O M E.

Q/5/10

2 JULY

June 45.

To : M.M.I.A. L.O. 8th Army.  
" " " 5th Army.  
" " " District 1.  
" " " District 2.  
" " " Florence City Command.  
" " " Genoa.  
" " " Turin.  
" " " Penbase.

Reference our signal Q.376 dated 25 June.

1. Inquiries are being received for a copy of AFHQ letter AG 386.3/163 LOG-0 dated 22 June referred to therein.

2. The letter in question is an AFHQ directive addressed to Commanders 15 Army Group, 5 Army, P.B.S., 8th Army and Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Districts. The original document can be seen at any of these H.Q.s. For your information however the following relative extracts are quoted below.

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Para 9 (j) (3). Italian Army vehicles captured after the armistice with Italy will be dealt with in accordance with Section II, AFHQ Circular Number 5, 1945, and returned to the appropriate Italian authorities through MMIA. All other captured Italian vehicles whether requisitioned or not will be turned over to Allied Commission. Italian military vehicles can usually be identified by the R-E on the dashboard or instrument panel. If doubt arises as to whether a vehicle of Italian make is a civilian or military vehicle, such vehicle will be turned over to MMIA who will determine the ownership and subsequent allocation in conjunction with Allied Commission. Receipts for all vehicles handed over to Allied Commission or MMIA will be obtained. As the retention of vehicles of Italian make against deficiencies in unit establishments is, at present, authorized, the ultimate handover to Allied Commission or MMIA of such vehicles may be postponed until further orders are issued by this headquarters. Every effort will be made to hand-over to MMIA all stocks of spare parts including tyres for Italian military vehicles which are marked with R-E or are otherwise identifiable as having been the property of the Italian Ministry of War. Stocks of spares for Italian civilian vehicles will similarly be handed-over to Allied Commission or in doubtful cases to MMIA. Sufficient spares may be retained for such Italian vehicles as are held against deficiencies in Unit establishments. Addresses will not normally be responsible for repairing vehicles of Italian make before they are handed over to Allied Commission or MMIA. The responsibility for insuring the proper registration of, and the provision of drivers for all vehicles handed over



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to them will be that of Allied Commission or MHA as the case may be.



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

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Subject : Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E.  
✓5/10.

30 Jun 45.

To : A.C. for Executive Commissioner.

1. The War Ministry report that as a result of verbal instructions given by telephone by Lieut. PHILIP of the War Material Disposal and Prisoners of War Sub Commission the Comune Caparola of Viterbo Province are refusing to return to the Italian Army load carrying vehicle (O.M. Taurus). It is requested that as this vehicle is positively identified as an Italian Army vehicle the instructions given should be countermanded and the vehicle released to the Italian Army.

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

Copy to : War Material Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War  
Sub Commission. A.C.

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Subject : Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E.  
9/5/10

30 June 45.

To : War Ministry.

18878

Reference your 3456 MR dated 21 April.

1. Vehicles taken over in Sicily by A.M.G. were held to be captured enemy material and an agreement was reached between the A.C. representative and the M.M.I.A. L.O. in Sicily that all such vehicles should be issued with a special distinguishing label. If the vehicles mentioned in your letter were not registered and did not carry this authority they may be regarded as Italian Army property and should therefore be recovered. You should obtain the Targa Nos. of all the vehicles and forward them to this H.Q. when enquiries will be made as to whether or not they are included in the list of vehicles which was agreed should be retained for civilian purposes in Sicily.

*RACounty.*

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

SEE (223/2) 4th Jacket

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9/5/10

MESSAGE FORM

FROM : H.M.I.A.  
TO : FLORENCE CITY COMMAND  
REF : C.403

DATE/TIME  
30 JUL 8

RESTRICTED

FOR AMIA LO(.) REFERENCE CONVERSATION GUERRE - LAND (.)  
US AFWD 14. SUB DEPOT 1 AT CASTALICA HAS NOW RECEIVED AUTHORITY  
TO HAND OVER VEHICLE (.) VEHICLE TO BE COLLECTED AS PER  
INSTRUCTION Q/5/10 of 21 JUNE

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PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : W.M.I.A.  
TO : FLORIDA CITY COMMAND  
REF : Q.402

DATE/TIME  
30 7-8

RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) ARRANGE FOR 5 REPAIRS UNIT TO COLLECT  
IMMEDIATELY VEHICLE UNDER RELEASE ORDER DCS/2166, DCS/2806,  
DCS/2980, DCS/2981 LOCATED AT 7 A.R.V.P. AMELZO

PRESIDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

/Pca

SEE 81

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from: M of W  
to: M M I A

Translation  
of 213609/11.  
222-5-43

35/1

28 June 45

Subject: Release of stores & depots located in  
TRENTO area

BOLZANO Terr HQ, according to standing in-  
structions, is recovering materials of the mili-  
tary Admin. existing in the stores & on  
scattered in the area under its jurisdiction.

The following stores are ~~comprised~~ <sup>included</sup> among  
those existing:

- at MERANO - <sup>Military</sup> Pharmaceutical stores (that  
before was previously located at ~~BOZENO~~)
- at DOBBIACO - the Milit. Geographical Institute  
(that was previously located at ~~BOZENO~~)  
with valuable machinery.
- at S. CANDIDO - a stores of MT spares.
- at BRESSANONE - a Depot of tyres of PIRELLI  
Society.

See 52

These materials are indispensable to meet  
the requirements of the Italian Armed Forces.

Since <sup>BOZANO</sup> ~~after~~ Terr HQ, owing to difficulties <sup>532</sup> raised  
by the local Allied Authorities, has not been able to  
recover a/m stores & bearing in mind the urgent  
need of these materials, we beg M M I A  
PFO



to intervene to speed up the solution  
of this matter. —

JACINI

(July 2)



D. R. to Q2

Translation

32/1

From. M of L  
to MMIA.

Ref. No 21270

Date 26 June 45

O.M. TAURUS Lorry at the commune of CAPRAROLA. <sup>Valerio</sup>  
The Vehicles Repair Directorate of the Territorial HQ of Rome <sup>Province</sup>  
has ordered the withdrawal of the A.M. lorry from the CAPRAROLA  
commune because <sup>it is</sup> of military type.

We have now been informed that Lieut PHILIPS of MMIA  
was Material S.C. has ordered by telephone that the A.M. can be  
retained by the A.M. commune as it is considered as war booty.  
We beg you to confirm the above so that we may  
~~cancel~~ the withdrawal order.

In the mean time we have issued orders so that the  
lorry continues to circulate for the benefit of A.M. commune

R. Mansfield

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5/1/07

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MESSAGE PAGE

DATE/TIME  
26 3

FM : M.I.A.  
TO : C.G. FIFTH ARMY.  
REF : 0.382

RESTRICTED.

FOR M.I.A. .C.(.) SUBJECT MATTER OF US-IMI UNITS(.) PERSONNEL  
TO BE TRANSFERRED TO IMI AS INDIVIDUALS AND NOT REPEAT NOT AS UNITS(.)  
THEY ARE ALL ITALIAN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE INCLUDING VEHICLES WILL  
BE RETURNED TO NEAREST ITALIAN DEPT PRIOR TO ACTUAL TRANSFER(.) ALL  
EQUIPMENT AND US PROPERTY NOW ON LOAN TO UNITS MUST BE RETURNED TO US BEFORE UNITS  
LEAVE US CONTROL(.) PERSONNEL ON TRANSFER WILL RETURN ONLY NEAREST CITY  
CLOTHING AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT NOT IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED SCALE WHICH  
IS NOW IN POSSESSION OF INDIVIDUAL(.) CLOTHING AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT  
RETURNED EXCESS WILL BE RETAINED BY 210 DIV HQ

PREPARED BY \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHENTICATED BY \_\_\_\_\_

Internal: 3(AS)  
          0(CG)

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Translation.

From. FRANCESCO CORSETTI

to MMIA

Date 25 June 45

Q/5/10

31/11

The matter referred to in attached report from the BARSOTTI firm, was communicated by me to MMIA which answered me to make my request through the MofW which would provide for and forward the request.

I presented my request to MofW (see attached letter document n°1) but nothing was done in that respect according to reasons reported in letter dated 17 June (see 2<sup>nd</sup> letter).

Since I am sure that MMIA can provide promptly for this matter, in view of the specific necessity of the BARSOTTI firm, which was deprived of all means of transport and unable to function now w/o the car, for which they have spent a large amount for repairs, further to letter dated 22 June 45 from the repair section of PISA (att. n°3) is not returned to them, I beg MMIA to ~~order~~ order, notwithstanding the existing ruling, that the lorry be definitely assigned to the BARSOTTI firm.

We would be grateful for a prompt answer to this letter.

CORSETTI

R. Mansfield

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Translation

From Mr. of U.

Ref. N° 19270  
3660 M.R.To Army Cristoforo Benvenuto Corsetti  
Via Vittoria Colonna, 40. Roma.

Date. 13/1/45.

Subject Vehicle Withdrawal  
From Corsetti.  
(Reply to letter of 6/1/45)

We have not been able to keep our contracts <sup>made</sup> with civilian holders of recovered vehicles, because the allied com. Subcomm. <sup>has</sup> not approved of the recovery system adopted and <sup>has</sup> ordered the immediate withdrawal of all vehicles belonging to the Italian army which are already issued to our civilians in any way.

This allied order is inflexible. <sup>On this</sup> ~~On basis of~~ <sup>we have also</sup> ~~ordered the~~ withdrawal of ~~the~~ vehicles issued for the use of the Corsetti firm.

It is no use submitting the case presented by you to the H. H. H. who for many other similar questions have expressed as follows.

"The Italian army requires all vehicles that are efficient or repairable also any spare parts that may be of use in effecting the repair of a vehicle.

Therefore no thing can be issued that <sup>might</sup> ~~and~~ be in any way ~~the~~ useful to persons to whom you refer to in your letter."

Breaking the contracts the H. H. H. has assumed ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~responsibility~~ of total reimbursement of expenses borne for the repair of ~~the~~

~~the~~ recovered vehicles, plus a reward proportionate in sum



to the type of ~~vehicle~~ vehicle.

This is the most that could be done by the ministry which for reasons out of their control were forced to make arrangements against their own interests.

R.G. Proferzy

Don  
Q

## Translation.

From Recovery section PISA.

to Mr. BARSOZZI GINO

Date 22 January 48

temporary loan of Italian Army vehicles

Mr. BARSOZZI GINO, residing at S. FREDIANO A. SETTIMO  
is authorized to withdraw the following material composing  
the derelict Long Fiat 666 salvaged in S. FREDIANO A. SETTIMO

Fiat 666 motor N° 001061 complete, lacking only of dynamo  
fuel pump and compressor, Ex. tubing, links and jets.

Chassis with rear axle and front axle front and  
rear springs and 3 brake drums

Differential complete driving shaft extension missing  
Gear box complete

Driving compartment and body work complete

(flooring?) only metal parts.

We allow the withdrawal of this vehicle by Mr. BARSOZZI  
so that he may repair it while awaiting specific assignment by  
M d L

BACCIOLO

~~Released~~

RENE - interested?

Wells

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Subject:- Elman Airfield.

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

9/5/10  
23 June 1945.

To:-

A.C. (for Air Forces Sub Commission)

The attached basic communication is forwarded for your information and retention. Co-operative action on the part of Flt. Lt. Doubleday appreciated.

*RAC*

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

RAC/fem

5586



Subject:- Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.  
(110 Vehicles)

Land Forces and Commission A.C.  
(M. N. I. A.) ROM.  
6/5/10  
25 June 1945.

To:

Ministry of War.

Reference your letter 20350 dated 20 June 1945.  
322 CBR

It is desired the vehicles listed below shall be recovered from the firm in question and inspected at the nearest Army Repair Unit i.e. Terni or Rome.

| <u>TIPO</u>    | <u>MOTORE</u> | <u>RELATO</u> | <u>TARGA</u>      |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| BIANCHI MILES  | 600653912     | 9541          | Esistente a Rieti |
| FIAT 626       | 002534        | 000093        | autobus a Roma    |
| BIANCHI MILES  |               | 5809          | a Rieti           |
| MOTO SERTUM    | 11180         | 11270         | " "               |
| FIAT 626       | 005955        | 001341        | 2 "               |
| FIAT 626       | 007500        | 008025        | " "               |
| BIANCHI MILES  | 406635278     | 8893          | Roma              |
| ALFA ROMEO 500 | 123410        | 1135113       | Rieti             |
| Rim. VIRBERTI  |               | 451223        | Roma              |
| FIAT 508       | 107308        | 106203        | Rieti             |
| GILERA 500     | 691564        | 35156         | "                 |
| FIAT 626       | 000991        | 006895        | Roma              |
| O.N. TAMBUR    | "             | 20661         | Rieti             |
| FIAT 618       | "             | 00032         | "                 |
| FIAT 1100      | "             | 235578        | "                 |
| Rim. VIRBERTI  | "             | 1332          | "                 |

If necessary, they will be disposed of as in this H.Q. letter  
6/5 dated 22 June 1945.

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*RAB*  
R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.  
for Major General.  
M. N. I. A.

Copy: R.N.M.E. (3)

RAC/rom

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S P R

Subject: Withdrawal of Italian Army Vehicle.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.)  
2/5/40  
25 June 1945.

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D.M.M.S.  
ITALY

Attention is invited to the attached certificate purporting to claim title to an Italian Army Vehicle SPA 25/C 10 Turgo number 82665.

In accordance with A.F.M.S. instructions, all Italian Army Vehicles are to be returned to M.M.I.A. for use by the Italian Army.

Request you require S. AZEVEDO to return this vehicle to No. 1 Repair Unit Via SPINO BELL off Via Flaminia, ROMA, not later than 30 June 1945.

*R.A.*

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

RAC/tea

Copy to: D.M.M.S.  
War Ministry (reference letter 19326 dated 11 June 45)  
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Subject: Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.)  
Q/5/10. ROME.

25 June 45.

To:- Florence City Command,  
for MMIA LO, A.P.D. 782.

Reference our Q/5/10 dated 18 June 45.

1. Attached Amendment to Br Ord Release Order DOS/2981.
2. Information has been received that Car 4 Str 4x2 Lancia C1 IV and Car 4 Str 4x2 RAP/163 C1 IV on Release Order 2980 are not available, having been reclassified Class VI by REME Inspectorate.
3. If the vehicles in question are still at 7 ARVP, they are required for spare parts, whether C1 VI or not.  
Please inform 3 Vehicle Group, 38 Vehicle Park accordingly.

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

RAC/fjd

5583

Subject: Requisitioned Vehicles.

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

15/10  
15 June 1945.

To: H.Q. 3 District. (3)

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The War Ministry request that the Civilian firm of GAMBINI Rocca & Co. of Soverato may be permitted to regain possession of the following vehicles requisitioned by 274 Works Section and/or 9 C.R.E. of CRETONE:

Lorries Nos. 3610 02 and 3769 02

The firm in question is under contract to supply 30,000 quintals of firewood to the Italian Army and is unable to replace the vehicles without which it can not complete the contract.

If no better arrangement can be made it is requested the firm be permitted to use the vehicles part time on the hauling of wood for the Italian Army, it being understood this could be done without detriment to the work on which they are at present engaged.

In view of the fact that an Italian Army GT Coy. is fully employed on timber haulage for 9 C.R.E. it is hoped the War Ministry's request can be met.

RCA

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

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RAC/Gen

Copy to: M.M.I.A. L.O. 3 District.

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Subject : Recovery of Italian Military Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
R O ME.  
9/5/10

24 June 45.

To : A.C. Finance Sub Commission (A/ca Division).

96.157 jacket

1. Reference Transportation Sub Commission letter No. AG/349/1/TN5 dated 31 May 45. and in particular to para 4 thereof which deals with Lire deposits made by present holders of the vehicles.
2. The return of these vehicles has commenced and it will be appreciated if this Headquarters may be informed if the Italian Ministry of Finance have now received the Bond money.
3. In correspondence with the War Ministry this Headquarters urged that the Ministry should recommend to the Italian Government a fair and equitable arrangement be made for labour and material produced by the civilian firm. In correspondence with the War Ministry it is therefore desired that this Headquarters shall be informed as to the present position concerning the initial deposits.

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*R.A. Curties*

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

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## MESSAGE FORM

FROM : M.M.I.A.

DATE/TIME  
23 JUL 68TO : 5 ARMY  
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151 SUB AREA  
60 SUB AREA

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REF : Q.374

FOR M.M.I.A. L.O. 3(.) AFHQ SIGNAL F 96701, IS REPEATED FOR  
 INFORMATION AND ACTION(.) QUOTE (.) ONE (.) INSTRUCTIONS  
 BEING ISSUED DIRECTING ARMIES TO HAND OVER A TO MMIA ALL  
 CAPTURED ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES B TO AC/ANG ALL CAPTURED  
 ITALIAN CIVILIAN VEHICLES (.) TWO (.) DISPOSAL OF CAPTURED  
 GERMAN TRANSPORT UNDER EXAMINATION HERE (.) UNQUOTE

PRECEDENCE UnchangedAUTHENTICATION Unchanged

RAC/fem

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Subject: Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

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

2/3/10

2/9 June 45.

To: Ministry of War.

1. Arrangements have been completed for the return of Italian Military vehicles serviceable or unserviceable in possession of the U.S. Army Air Force. Particulars of vehicles are listed at Appendix 'A'. These lists are not necessarily complete but form a guide as to the number and types of vehicles to be recovered. The authority for their release by U.S. Army Air Force Depots is AMOUSA 40 454/770 D-3 dated 5 June 45.

2. Details as to location and disposal of these vehicles are given at Appendix 'B'.

M.M.I.A. L.Os. concerned will prepare Vouchers in quadruplicate in form given at Appendix 'C'. One copy will be retained by the Issuing Army Air Force Depot and one sent by the M.M.I.A. L.O. to this H.Q. for Q.1. The remaining two will be delivered to the Receiving Unit accepting the vehicles who will send one copy to the Ministry.

3. The War Ministry will instruct Territorial H.Q. concerned to detail an Italian Army representative to be present when the vehicles are handed over.

4. All vehicles recovered will be repaired and issued to E.V. Parks with the minimum of delay.

*R. A. C. M. I. A.*

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

RAC/fem

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3. The War Ministry will instruct the Italian Army representative to be present when the vehicles are loaded over.

4. All vehicles recovered will be repaired and issued to E.V. Parks with the minimum of delay.

*Recovery*

R.A. CUMMIES Lt. Col.  
For Major General  
M. H. I. A.

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Copy to: Senior M.H.I.A. L.O. F.B.S. (Southern District)  
M.H.I.A. L.O. F.B.S. (Main)  
Senior M.H.I.A. L.O. c/o 54 Area  
Captain Guthrie c/o Florence City Command A.P.O. 732  
M.H.I.A. R.E.M.E.  
M.H.I.A. S.T.  
C.G. M.T.O.U.S.A.

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| PLACE                       | DEPOT           | N/C                       | P/V | L/CARR. |     |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----|---------|-----|
| CASERTA -                   | U.S.A.F.O.D. 7  | Approximately 40 vehicles |     |         |     |
| FONDELLERA -<br>Nr. Leghorn | U.S.A.F.O.D. 14 | 9                         | 16  | 20      | 45  |
| YONA                        | U.S.A.F.O.D. 14 | 9                         | 9   | 26      | 43  |
| BARI                        | U.S.A.F.O.D. 14 | -                         | 5   | -       | 5   |
| MANFREDONIA<br>Nr. Foggia   | U.S.A.F.O.D. 8  | -                         | 6   | 1       | 7   |
|                             |                 |                           |     |         | 100 |



Appendix 'A'

| I/CARR.     | TRAILERS | 30<br>27<br>25<br>23 |
|-------------|----------|----------------------|
| 40 vehicles | -        |                      |
| 20 45       | 40       |                      |
| 25 43       | 42       |                      |
| 5 5         | 13       |                      |
| 1 7         | 17       |                      |
| 100         | 112      |                      |

Approved  
dated

| Present Location<br>of Vehicles | Place to which Vehicles<br>are to be evacuated | M.M.I.A. L.O.<br>responsible. | T<br>a |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| CASERTA -                       | NAPLES                                         | Lt. Col. Smith                |        |
| LEGNORNI -                      | FLORENCE                                       | Captain Clark -               |        |
| ANCONA                          | FLORENCE                                       | Captain Guthrie -             |        |
| BARI                            | BARI                                           | Captain Hamilton              |        |
| MANFREDONIA -                   | BARI                                           | Captain Hamilton              |        |



Appendix 'B' to 2/5/10  
dated 21 June 45.

| M.M.I.A. L.O.<br>responsible. | Territorial H.Q. concerned with<br>arrangements for repair and<br>re-issue. |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lt. Col. Smith                | No. 10                                                                      |
| Captain Clark -               | No. 7                                                                       |
| Captain Guthrie -             | No. 7                                                                       |
| Captain Hamilton              | No. 9                                                                       |
| Captain Hamilton              | No. 9                                                                       |

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Countersigned



APPENDIX "C" to 2/5/10  
dated 21 June 45.

| Allied origin) |                  |          |
|----------------|------------------|----------|
| Condition.     | Estimated value. | REMARKS. |
|                |                  | 5570     |

Vehicles listed above handed over by (signed) \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

taken over by (signed) \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

Countersigned \_\_\_\_\_

K.M.I.A. LO. \_\_\_\_\_



Subject:- Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

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

Q/5/10.

24 June 45.

To:-

M.M.I.A. LO FLORENCE.

1. Attached AFHQ Release order VR/2980 dated 13 June 45 and Ordnance (Br) Release order dated 15 June 45.
2. Please arrange for No 5 Repairs Unit - FLORENCE to collect the vehicles as early as possible.
3. Reference 13 ARVP it is understood that the vehicle held by them is now held by 7 ARVP - AREZZO.

*R.A. Curties*

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

RAC/tjd.

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Subject: Recovery Projects N.W. Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME  
8/5/10

June 45

To: Sr. MIA 10, 2 District.

Reference your ZOLA/1/9/1 of 18 June 45.

An order covering the points raised in your letter is in the process of being published by A.F.H.Q. Until this order is received, no further action will be taken.

/ls

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

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Subject:- Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

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

Q/5/10

18 June 45.

To:-

M.M.I.A. L.O.  
FLORENCE  
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1. Attached copy of AFHQ release order  
VR/2981 dated 13 June 45 and Ord (Brit) release  
order DOS/2981. *See folio 17*

2. Please arrange for No. 5 Repairs  
Unit - Florence to collect the vehicles as early  
as possible.

3. 7 A.R.V.P. is at Arezno and 10 A.R.V.P.  
is at Cesena.

*RAC*  
R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col. *See folio 28*  
for Major General.  
M. N. I. A.

RAC/fem

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Q (AE) BRANCH

1 Copy

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 2981

Date 13 June 45.

To: ~~MMIA~~ HQ Allied Commission.

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

| Quantity | Description of Vehicles                       |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1        | Car 4-str 4x2 Fiat 563098 Class IV. Ex 7 ARVP |
| 1        | " " Renault 5322501 Class III. ← "            |
| 1        | Spa 15-cwt HS (Italian) 4985290 Class III, ←  |
| 1        | Renault Lorry Class VI. —                     |
| 1        | Fiat 15-cwt Lorry Class IV. —                 |

10 10 T. MMIA.

Recd 14 June

File ST/ 3005

REMARKS :

10 at Caserma

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
2. AFHQ Q (AE) release and Ord(Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

Brigadier, 5572  
Q (AE)

DISTRIBUTION :

Ord (Br)  
File



Subject:- ELMAS AIRFIELD.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.  
Q/5/10  
18 June 45.

To:-

M.M.I.A. I.O.  
Sardinia.  
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1. Attached copy of letter from Air Forces Sub Commission AFSC/22/1/Air dated 15 Jun 45.
2. You are requested to forward to this H.Q. a report on the subject as early as possible.

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

RAC/fen  
*[Handwritten: Su 22]*

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission,  
Allied Commission, ROME

To : State Maggiore  
Regia Aeronautica.

Date : 15th June 1945.

Ref : AFSC/22/1/Air

ELMAS AIRFIELD

1. Application has been made to this Sub Commission for the transfer of 16 Italian Air Force M.T. Vehicles from SARDINIA to the mainland, which, it was stated, have now been made serviceable by M.T. repair workshops on this island.
2. You will already be aware of the difficulty experienced in providing M.T. vehicles for use at ELMAS airfield and the necessity for borrowing the great majority of the transport at present being used from the Italian Army.
3. It is accordingly notified that authority for the transfer of the 16 vehicles to the mainland is not granted and you are requested to ensure that the vehicles are immediately transferred to the ELMAS Air Field project in order that the release of any equivalent number of Italian Army Vehicles may be effected.
4. Immediate confirmation of your action is requested and O/C/ 63 Staging Post is asked to notify this Sub Commission when the transfer has been completed.

A.H. KNOWLES,  
Wing Commander,  
for Air Vice Marshall.  
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy to : O.C. 63 Staging Post  
Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)  
Italian Air Ministry, Direzione Servizi.



## TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 12100/v

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 14 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Requisitioned vehicles.

The Catanzaro Commissariat Section has pointed out to this Ministry that the firm of CAMINITI Rocco and Coy. of Soverato (Calabria) is not in a position to carry out the supply of 30,000 quintals of firewood, as agreed with the Military Administration, as the Allied Authorities have requisitioned ~~of~~ two vehicles belonging to them which the said firm used for timber transport.

The vehicles in question, numbers 3610 CZ and 3769 CZ, were initially requisitioned by the 274 Works Section R.E., of Crotone, and afterwards by the 9 C.R.E. of the same city.

We beg M.M.I.A. to use, if possible, their influence with the above mentioned unit for the ~~xxxx~~ derequisitioning of the vehicles in question, or, failing that, to request that they may also be used to supply the timber to the Military Administration, the firm concerned having given assurance that it can meet both requirements.

Thanking you,

Sgd. ILLEGIBLE

C. Danin Cpl.

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## TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 18784

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 14 June 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army vehicles in the possession of  
civilians.

The firms Molino d'Onofrio and Brigida Giuseppe of Manfredonia,  
retained:-

- the first = two trucks, O.M. TAURUS without number plates;
- the second = one truck LANCIA 3/RO number R.E.2752 with trailer  
number E.O.2003.

The said vehicles circulated with the authority of the Manfredonia  
A.M.G.

They were afterwards withdrawn by an American Unit - 8th.A.F.O.D.  
Battalion located in Manfredonia.

In compliance with the instructions in force we have to carry  
out the recovery of said vehicles, kindly, therefore, give instructions  
to the above mentioned unit for the handing in of the vehicles to  
the M.T.Repairs Unit of Bari Military Territorial Command.

Sgd. RUSSO

Gen.

O.Danin Cpl.

SEE 34

5500

Subject:- Captured Vehicles.

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

✓5/10

8 June 1945.

To:-

A.F.H.Q.

Reference your AFHQ/5030/Q(AB) dated 5th June 1945.

7 Adv. R.V.P. Car 4 Str. 4 x 2 LANCIA 4985100  
Car 4 Str. 4 x 2 FIAT 5667467  
Car 4 Str. 4 x 2 FIAT RAP 163  
Trailer 2 whld. Box type (Italian)  
Carrier Tracked Personnel WD NA Chass. 470-5-5319

13 Adv. R.V.P. Trailer 4 whld. WD M/GAP/56

It is requested that a release order may be issued for the above mentioned vehicles.

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

Copy to:- M.M.I.A. L.O. Florence.

(Reference attached correspondence No. 5 Repairs Unit to collect these vehicles earliest No. 7 A.R.V.P. located at Senigallia ANCONA+ and No. 13 A.R.V.P. at PRATO.).

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Subject:- Italian Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission No. 3.

(M.M.I.A.)

R.M.E.

Q/5/10

7 June 45.

To:-

H.Q. Rear Eighth Army.

H.Q. 1 District.

Reference attached copy of this H.Q. letter  
Q/5/10 dated 14 May 45.

Replies have now been received from all BLU's  
except 51 and 56. May these be expedited please.

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

Copy:-

51 BLU

56 BLU

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Subject:- Italian Army Vehicles.

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

ROME

Q/5/10

14 May 45.

To:- Cmdg General, 5th Army (Br. Incre)  
H.Q. Rear 8th Army  
No. 1 District.

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1. It is requested that you will issue instructions to the Commanders of all Gruppi to report to the War Ministry not later than the 30 May that they are no longer in possession of any Italian Army Vehicles. They are required also to furnish details including Targa Nos. of all such vehicles which have been returned stating from which Repair Unit they have obtained a receipt.
2. It is requested that a copy of this report may be forwarded by the B.L.U. direct to this H.Q.

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

Copy to: 50 B.L.U.  
51 B.L.U.  
52 B.L.U.  
53 B.L.U.  
56 B.L.U.

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Translation Original from to  
 HQ - (see ltr 9 June) 7  
National Liberation Committee of Allier  
 Q/5/10  
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To: Land Forces Sub-Commission, Rome

The Prefect of Terri, quoting letter No. 12606/12068 MR dated May 3, 1945 from the Ministry of War, by which your Commission orders the withdrawal of M.T. of Army origin held by (public) agencies or private parties, ordered the mayor of this Commune of Allier (province of Terri) to withdraw the Lancia 380 truck now being used by the Communal administration.

This National Liberation Committee takes the liberty of bringing the following to the attention of your Commission, in the hope that the population of this seriously war-stricken Commune be at least granted that aid which it failed to receive from other quarters.

The Commune of Allier, a small rural center of about 3,000 inhabitants, ~~located~~ about 25 Kilometers from Oviets, the district capital, with which it has ties not only of a business nature but also because the only hospital in the area is to be found there, is located about 120 Kilometers from the provincial capital (Terri) and, unlike most other Communes in that region, has no public transport service.

In addition, due to repeated bombardments of the area adjoining the R.R. station and due to gun fire at the time the front was moved forward as well as the explosion of several mines planted by the retreating Germans, not less than 110 buildings were seriously damaged and 9 were completely destroyed.

(2)

The school building of the Alluvione Scalo Village was completely destroyed, while the <sup>one</sup> at the capital - which was used also as City Hall - was damaged so badly that it remained completely uninhabitable.

As soon as the front was moved forward, Major Andrew O. Baker, C.A.C., Allied Military Governor residing in Orvieto, loaned to the Communal Administration a Lancia 3 R O truck - which had been recently recovered by this Commune - because of the needs of our population, the only one in the Orvieto area to have suffered so severely from military operations.

Recently, after a Winter marked by the worst kind of hardships, this pitiful peasant population started with admirable perseverance to repair their roofs and rebuild their homes and, with the help of the Civil Engineers at Terni and the generous aid furnished by Allied authorities, work is now in progress for the restoration and rebuilding of damaged public works.

We are stating the absolute truth when we say that the Lancia 3 R O truck represents the only tangible aid which may be given war sufferers, who so far have received no other financial aid.

The Lancia 3 R O is the only motor vehicle in the area and is being used by war sufferers against reimbursement of operating expenses pure and simple, for the withdrawal of building materials at distant places of production.

In addition, the truck makes weekly <sup>55 trips</sup> trips to the district capital and is used also as motor ambulance whenever cases of sickness occur which



(3)  
call for immediate hospitalization.

May we request your Commission that, at least so long as the present shortage of transport persists, our communal administration be permitted to continue to use the Lancia 3RO truck — as previously authorized by the Allied Military Governor in the Orvieto area in July 1944 — which (truck) is now being requested by the Ministry of War and by the Terni Prefect with letter No. 7762 Div. Rag., of May 17, 1945.

Favorable action by your Commission would be greatly appreciated by our population who is now seriously worried by the order to give up the vehicle in question.

Allerona, May 27, 1945

National Liberation Committee  
of Allerona (Terni)

(Signatures)

W. J. J.  
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Subject: Disposition of Unserviceable Italian Vehicles.

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

Q/3/10

8 June 45.

To:-

Commanding General,  
Army Air Force M.T.O.  
A.P.O. 690 U.S. Army.

Reference MTOUSA letter AG 451/770 D-0 dated 3 June.

May this H.Q. be informed location of all vehicles  
available for collection.

*R. A. Curties*

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

Copy to:-

M.M.I.A. L.O. Naples.

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

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

M.M.I.A. L.O. 1 District

) with copy of MTOUSA letter  
) AG 451/770 D-0, dated 3 Jun 45.  
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HEADQUARTERS  
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
A.P.O. 312

AG 451/770 D-C

3 June 45.

SUBJECT:- Disposition of Unserviceable Italian Vehicles.

TO : Commanding General  
Army Air Force, MTO  
APO 650

1. Your attention is invited to Section II, AFHQ Circular Number 5, 1945, and paragraph 9c, AFHQ letter, file AG386.3/163 LOG-O, dated 22 April 1945, subject: Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy.
2. It is desired that all Italian Military Vehicles, serviceable or unserviceable, in possession of the Air Force be ~~xx~~ turned over to the Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (M.M.I.A.), in accordance with the directives referred to in paragraph 1 above.
3. MMIA will assume responsibility of removing any such vehicles from Air Force depots.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MONARNEY:

JACK CARTER  
Captain, AGD  
Asst Adjutant General.

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CO, AAFSS/MTO  
AC(MMIA)

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Subject:- Recovery of Army Vehicles.

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

Q/5/10

4 June 45.

TO:-

M.M.I.A. L.O. Florence  
c/o M.M.I.A. L.O. Liaison Section, PBS,  
A.P.O. 782 U.S. Army.

1. Attached copy of release order for -
  - 1 Car 4 x 2 Fiat No. CAP/M/5667518
  - 1 Ambulance 4 x 4 Phenomen No. CAP/A/5648370
  - 1 Tractor 4 x 4 Spa No. 5240734
2. Please instruct No. 5 Repairs Unit, Florence, to collect said vehicles earliest, from No. 13 Advanced R.V.P. located at PRATO.
3. It is pointed out that all vehicles will have to be towed.

- 1 Tractor 4 x 4 Spa No. 5240734
2. Please instruct No. 5 Repairs Unit, Florence, to collect said vehicles earliest, from No. 13 Advanced B.V.P. located at PRATO.

3. It is pointed out that all vehicles will have to be towed.

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

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