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Recovery - Army - Vehicles

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Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles.

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

25/10
3 September, 1945.

1644/2

To:-

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

file 158-2307

1. The following extract is from A.F.M.Q. Destruction AG 451/227 OCT-0 dated 31 Aug 45, issued to A.C. and to all Allied H.Qs. including British Troops in Austria.

"1. The anticipated transfer of the Italian Army to Italian Government control makes it imperative that every vehicle which belonged at any time to the Italian Army, whether Republican or Co-belligerent, should be handed over forthwith to the Italian War Ministry.

2. You are requested to initiate an immediate check by all Allied units of transport in their possession, with a view to the prompt return to Italian Army control of all vehicles of Italian Army origin. The existence and location of all such vehicles will be reported to the nearest M.M.I.A. Liaison Officer who will arrange disposal.

The following particulars will be given:

- (a) Registration Number (FE.....)
- (b) Type of Vehicle.
- (c) Unit in possession of vehicle.
- (d) Location.

3. M.M.I.A. Liaison Officers, in addition to those at XIII Corps, and District Headquarters, are located at:

RARI (o/o 54 Area).

Liaison Officer who will arrange disposal.
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- (c) Unit in possession of vehicle.
- (d) Location.

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BARI	(c/o 54 Area)
MILAN	(c/o 59 Area)
GENOA	(c/o 50 Sub Area)
TURIN	(c/o 151 Sub Area)
ASPIRON	(c/o FSS)
PIACENZA	(c/o 11th/63 City Command)

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4. In order to take possession of Italian Army vehicles in improper possession of civilians and others, authority is given for the Italian Army to supply representatives to be present at Allied road-blocks to identify and impound all subject vehicles. Allied authorities will afford every facility to these representatives to enable them to carry out their task.

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...satisfy yourself that appropriate action is being taken by
... which you are affiliated and keep this U.S. informed as to
...ch action.

You will also arrange wherever possible for full advantage to be
taken of the facilities offered in paragraph 4 of the above extract.

R. A. ...

R. A. ... Lt. Col.
For Major General.
H. H. ...

Copy to:-

S. ...
R. ...

.../...

8/5/45 Translation

Ref. : 16717
Date : Sept. 5, 1945
16411

From : MOA
To : AMIA
Subject : Requisition of Fiat 1500, License No. G. 3704, belonging to Augusti Sebastiano.

REF. your 2/3/40 dated July 20, 1945

Investigations have shown that:

1. The Fiat 1500, License No. G/3704, belonging to AUGUSTI Sebastiano, was requisitioned by British personnel on Nov. 14, 1943, and derequisitioned by British personnel on June 3, 1944.

2. On said date, the car, which could not be repaired, was issued to the Hq. of Seboudiv. The parts which could be used were used for the repairing of similar cars on charge to this Division.

3. The ~~engine~~ ^{wreck} of the car was then turned in to the M.I. Materials Collection Center at Contesse (Mantine) and then to the Palermo Collection Center where it can be found at the present time.

which consisted of a v/s body only

This Ministry has given instructions for the payment of the requisition indemnity to the owner.

(Sgd) Properej

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Subject : Captured Enemy material - release of.

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

4 Sep 45.

To : A.F.H.Q., Q. (AE).

1. Under this Headquarters letter numbered as above dated 25 Aug a ruling was required as to the ownership of certain vehicles manufactured to the order of the German authorities. Under A.F.H.Q. letter S22 G.5 31 Aug., copy to you, the decision as to whether or not the vehicles in question were of military origin was vested in this H.Q. which has taken appropriate action with A.C.
2. A reply is still awaited to this H.Q. letter Q/5/10 of the 15 Aug concerning 31 vehicles in course of manufacture at TURIN. This appears to be a parallel case to the one quoted above and if it is accepted that these vehicles are of military origin it would be appropriate for the War Ministry to be given permission to take the possession of the vehicles on completion. Your concurrence is requested.

R.A.C.

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

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Subject: Recovery of vehicles from I.S. AFU.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.S.
(M. E. I. A.)
/5/10
4 September, 1945.

To:-

- M.E.I. L.O. Liaison
- M.E.I. L.O. Liaison c/o 133
- M.E.I. L.O. c/o Florence City Command
- M.E.I. L.O. c/o 5th Area.

91-7th jacket

Reference our /5/10 dated 21 June 45.

1. AFU/AFU have submitted to this H. a list showing vehicles still to be collected from IS AFU (see appendix 'A'), with a request that they be recovered immediately in order that AFU's can close on target dates set by AFU/AFU.
2. It is requested you confirm that all vehicles on appendix 'A' have been collected.

RAC

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

SEC 162/1

Copy to:-

Ministry of War
R.E.M.S.

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Appendix to M.I.A.
letter 1/5/40 dated 4 Sep 45.

AFSD No. 7. Georgia.

1 ea Fiat, 2 door, sedan
1 ea Lancia, sedan.

AFSD No. 8. Montenegro.

3 ea Fiat, sedan
1 ea Trailer, flatbed, 4 wheel.
1 ea Lancia, sedan.
5 ea Trailer, van, 4 wheel.
2 ea Truck, 2 1/2 ton cargo.

AFSD No. 11. Bari.

2 ea Truck 5 ton cargo
1 ea Trailer van 4 wheel
1 ea 10 ton van
2 ea trailer 1/2 ton
1 ea trailer 1 1/2 ton
3 ea Trailer 2 1/2 ton
3 ea Trailer, 2 wheel, horse drawn
2 ea Trailer, water, 250 gallon
1 ea Trailer, water, 2500 gallon
2 ea Trailer, water, 750 gallon
1 ea Trailer, water, 500 gallon.
2 ea Trailer, water, 180 gallon.
1 ea Trailer, 4 wheel, cargo.

AFSD No. 16. Pontedera.

20 ea Truck, 5 ton Lancia
19 ea Truck, 5 ton Fiat
8 ea Truck, 2 1/2 ton

Subject:- Recovery of Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.N.I.A.) ROME.
15/10
4 September 45.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Further to war ¹⁵⁴ 1/10 dated 3 Aug 45.

The name and address of the civilian concerned is:-

PISANI RAFFAELLE for CARMINE
VIA CHIETAMONTE 6 BIS. NAPLES.

R.A.

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

Copy to:- M.N.I.A. L.O. NAPLES.

JL/rem

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Translation.

160/1

From: - L. of W.
To: - MIA.

Q/5/10

Ref: - 31298/6244 URM
Date: - 3rd. Sept. 45

Subject: - Recovery of vehicles belonging to the army

In accordance with your instructions, this Ministry ordered the withdrawal of the lorry BLANZI LITE held by Mr. Arcangelo Annunziato, resident at Matera. Said lorry had been proved to be an army one.

Contrary to such order, the a/n civilian states that the lorry in question was handed over to him by Lieut. Frank F. VERDIRAME of the 26th Allied Command, Matera (see enclosure No. 1).

Since the a/n civilian affirms, among other things, that the handing over was then confirmed by the Central Allied Command (namely Admiral STONE) on 21/11/44, and that such confirmation was reported to A.C. Bari which, in turn, on 1.1.45 passed it to the Prefecture at Matera, in order that this Ministry may have a ruling to recover the lorry in question, we beg you to inform us whether or not said handing over is recognised valid by you.

Fabre.

(Sgd) PROTERZI

[Handwritten signature]

5703

Subject : Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

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

3 Sep 45.

To : Ministry of War.

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1. Reference is made to your 5813 X C.1 dated 14 August. It appears that these instructions have been interpreted by Florence Territorial Headquarters that vehicles at present engaged on civilian contracts may be left with their present users until the 31 Oct.
2. You are required to make clear to Florence Territorial Headquarters that the recovery of these vehicles must be proceeded with with the minimum of delay and as stated in your para. 2 31 Oct. is the completion date, not the date on which the recovery is to commence.

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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.

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Subject:- Request for tyre.

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

Q/5/10

/ September, 1945.

To:-
MMA. LO.
Bicily.

Reference the attached correspondence.

1. It is requested you arrange for the tyre to be collected from the CC.RR and handed in to American Salvage.
2. Please return all papers to Gibilisco Luciano when no longer required by you.

RAC

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

5701

Subject: Captured Enemy Material - release of.

Land Forces Sub-Commission AC
(M.M.I.A.) Rome
Q/5/10
25 August 1945

TO: AFHQ (Q/AE)

1. It is reported that the following vehicles (Piat 1100 Torpedo) are held by AC Piemonte having been requisitioned by AMG.

	<u>Engine No.</u>	<u>Chassis No.</u>	<u>Requisition No.</u>
(a)	305787	279693	P-81
(b)	305768	279696	P-80
(c)	305764	279697	P-79
(d)	306634	279609	P-72
(e)	305760	279679	P-71
(f)	305896	279665	P-70
(g)	305763	279698	P-69
(h)	305758	279694	P-64
(i)	305755	279678	P-11
(j)	305708	279680	P-12

2. They are claimed as Italian Military vehicles, but the local AC Transport Officer raises the objection that they were manufactured by order of the German Authorities. This being the case, the vehicles come under the category "Captured Enemy Material" and AFHQ disposal instructions are necessary.

In view of the acute shortage of Italian military vehicles, approval is requested for the Italian Army to be given possession.

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

Copy to:

MMIA L.O. N.W. Italy
MMIA L.O. Turin reference TUR/3/Q 18 Aug 45.

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5700

Subject:- RECOVERY ARMY VEHICLES.

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

3/5/45

31 August, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

It has been reported that the following 6 ton lorries are in the possession of a civilian at Naples:

<u>Make</u>	<u>Chassis No.</u>	<u>Motor Number.</u>
FIAT	634 NCO 1314	355 000 1385
LANCIA	564 1669	102 7965

He claims that these were made over to him by the French Authorities.

It has been ascertained that the vehicles in question were "captured enemy" vehicles brought over from Africa.

Unless this can be disproved, the French Authorities were entitled to dispose of them and the title of the present holder must be upheld.

Should, however, you obtain proof that the vehicles were Italian Army property at the time the transfer was made, this H.Q. should be informed.

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

SEE 162

Copy to:

L.O. Naples.

reference letter 29 Aug 45.

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RAC/pen

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Subj: - Italian Ambulances.

Land Forces Sub Commis on A.C.
 (M. M. I. A.) DOME.
 1/5/40
 21 August, 1940.

To:-

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

Reference the attached letter from Bologna Italian Red Cross forwarded to this H.Q. by Major Van Kirk.

1. The Italian Army is still very short of Ambulances and the following requirements are necessary to bring 85/100 of Ambulance Car Sections up to strength:-

No.	3	Ambulance	Car	Section	Milan	-	12	Ambulances.
	4	"	"	"	Bolzano	-	19	"
	37	"	"	"	Palermo	-	2	"
	61	"	"	"	Rome	-	2	"
	62	"	"	"	Bologna	-	9	"
	1182	"	"	"	Florence	-	4	"
					Total	-	<u>48</u>	"

SEE 174

2. It is requested you contact the authorities controlling Igea Marina Camp and obtain the release of any Italian Army ambulances that may be available, where upon you will instruct Territorial H.Q. Bologna to have them collected placing efficient vehicles in No. 5 H.V.P. and inefficient vehicles in Bologna Repairs Directorate.

3. On completion of paragraph 2, the following will then be reported, when disposal instructions will be issued by this H.Q.

- (a) Number of efficient vehicles collected.
- (b) Number of inefficient vehicles collected.
- (c) Number of civilian ambulances remaining in Igea Camp.

R. A. CUNNIES

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

Copy to:-
 Ministry of War.
 M.M.I.A. L.O. Florence City Command.

JL/fca

SEE 170
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CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
COMITATO PROVINCIALE
B O L O G N A

14 Aug 45.

To:- Colonel Van Kirk,
V Army Head Quarters.

PASANO SUL GARDA

I happened to find in Igea Marina a Camp full of 8000 (eight thousand) motor cars of the German army recovered by the Allied Troops.

There are between these cars about 60 (sixty) Italian ambulances of various types taken by the Germans to Italian hospitals and to the Italian Red Cross.

I have been twice in Riccione where is the Headquarters of the Command of this camp (P.W. improvement 21 Tank Brigade Grand Hotel Riccione) without being able of obtaining anything.

I feel sure that with your authority and your kind intervention this command could cede 15 (fifteen) Italian ambulances and 2 (two) trucks with which the problem of the ambulances for Bologna and its province would be resolved.

I reply upon your interest and I am certain that with your support it will be possible to obtained what we wish.

Yours sincerely.

IL COMMISSARIO STRAORDINARIO
(Ten. Col. Scaglietti prof. Oscar)

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Q/S/10

Tr. Station

ref GI4288/ DM
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30 Aug. 45

151/H

from M of W
to MIA

Subject Disposal of Italian vehicles (war captured)

According to information we have received it appears that Allied Gen. HQ is disposing of Italian vehicles-including the vehicles dumped at Ghadi camp- which were in possession of German units and have been captured by the Allied forces in the North of Italy when the German army surrendered.

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Agreements ~~would~~ have been made between A.C. and Italian technical-financial groups (such as FIAT Ltd;) for the disposal of a/m materials.

These materials (in which Maj. Edwards MIA was concerned) were needed to organise and improve Transport Coys of the terr.Hqs, who are in great difficulty owing to the complete lack of vehicles, and this Ministry would be deprived of the main supply source which could have resolved this crucial problem.

We beg MIA kindly to see that a/m materials (which are ^{badly} ~~extremely~~ needed) are left at the disposal of the Italian Army.

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C/v
[Handwritten signature]
M.F.A. *[Handwritten]*
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Subject: - Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. N. I. A.) ROME.
Q/5/10
30 August, 1945.

To:-

M.M.I.A. L.O.
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Further to this H.Q. Q/5/10 dated 22 August, any vehicle detected crossing the Messina Ferry which can be identified belonging to the Italian Army, will be seized and particulars notified to this H.Q.

In addition to those specifically described in the above quoted letter, there are known to be a number of military vehicles not yet recovered from "partisans" and operating under illegal A.M.G. permits.

As some of these may reach Sicily, you are requested to notify all concerned that if discovered, they are to be recovered for the Italian Army. Any A.M.G. permits or papers seized will be forwarded to this H.Q.

Rac.
R. A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. N. J. A.

RAQ/fem

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Subject:- Recovery of Vehicle.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R.C.M.S.
9/5/10
August, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

REVIE FILE

Reference your 27100/5498 NR dated 13 May 45.

As the vehicle in question is not an Italian Army vehicle, your proposal is agreed.

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

JL/ren

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CONVENTION

Approved
(?) Giles Lt Col.
(?) Zeh
Entre Acc

Monsieur le Chef d'Escadron TOUREILLE Georges,
Directeur du service du Materiel Territorial en ITALIE,
representant Monsieur le General LOUCHET, Commandant Territorial
Francais en ITALIE

d'une part

et

Monsieur PISANI Raffaele fu Carmine - Via
Chiatamone No. 6 bis - Naples

d'autre part

Il a ete convenu ce qui suit :

ARTICLE 1er : Monsieur PISANI Raffaele cede en toute propriete
a l'Armee Francaise, qui accepte, un vehicule automobile ayant
les caracteristiques suivantes :

- MARQUE : FIAT 1.500
- MOTEUR : No 1500 B 030221
- CHASSIS : No.1500 B 030183
- CONDUITE INTERIEURE : ROMA 68221
- No. M. le ITALIEN :

Cette voiture est livree avec sa roue de secours et
son lot de bord comprenant:

- 1 Cric
- 1 Manivelle demonte roue.

ARTICLE 2 : En echange, l'Armee Francaise, cede en toute propriete,
Monsieur PISANI Raffaele qui accepte, deux vehicules de prise
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No. M. le ITALIEN : ROMA 68221

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- 1 Cric
- 1 Manivelle demonte roue.

ARTICLE 2 : En echange, l'Armee Francaise, cede en toute propriete, a Monsieur PISANI Raffaele qui accepte, deux vehicules de prise appartenant a l'Armee Francaise, en l'etat ou ils se trouvent actuellement au parc dit de l'Autostrade, a NAPLES, ayant les caracteristiques suivantes :

Camion	FIAT	6 Tonnes No. 3	Chassis No. 634 Noo 1314
Camion	LANCIA	6 T. 5 No. K 51851.	Moteur No. 355 Co0 1385
		Moteur 102 3865	
		Chassis 564 1669	

ARTICLE 3 Les deux camions devront etre enleves immediatement par Monsieur, a l'aide de ses moyens personnels.

ARTICLE 4 La presente convention tient lieu de bon de sortie des deux camions.

ARTICLE 5 La presente convention est etablie en deux exemplaires, en Francais, l'un destine a l'Armee Francaise, l'autre a Monsieur PISANI Raffaele.

Fait a S.P. 70161, le

Le Chef d'Escadron TOUREILLE, Directeur Monsieur PISANI Raffaele
du Service du Materiel Territorial en
ITALIE

Subject: Italian Army Vehicle

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/5/10 ✓
29 August 1945

To : Hq ALCOM for Chief Commissioner

1. Operating under authority of the authorization of Major Prinsloo (copy attached) the Italian civilian, supported by eight armed partisans, invaded the Italian Army workshop in Verona and forcibly removed the Italian Army truck which Major Prinsloo gave the civilian.

2. The action of Major Prinsloo in giving an Italian Army truck to a civilian is contrary to all instructions, and it is requested that Major Prinsloo be directed to return the truck to the Verona workshop.

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

CPK/lak

1 Incl:
Ltr Transport Office, Verona, 20 Aug 45

Subject: Action of the Prefect at Bologna

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (NMIA)
Rome

Q/5/10

29

August 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Major Van Kirk

Reference copy of your buck slip to G-5 of 27 August, regarding the argument between General Cerica and the Prefect of Bologna over the equipment belonging to the Italian Army.

I cannot understand why General Cerica does not go and take this material away from the people who are now illegally holding it. He is the representative of the War Ministry in that territory. There is an Italian law which provides that all Italian civilians must turn back state property to the Italian Government, and General Cerica has a whole battalion which he can use to kick the Prefect in the pants and recover this property, and I can't see what we can do about it unless General Cerica will get the lead out of his pants and go do something on his own. In the second place, General Cerica should take the matter of the non-cooperation of this Prefect up with the War Ministry and make the War Minister go after the necessary people in the Italian Government to make this guy come across.

CPK/lak


C. P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

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Subject: Windscreen labels.

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

Q/5/10 ✓
29 August 1945.

To: MINISTRY OF WAR.

Reference your 6/9078/serv. dated 24 August 1945:

1. Bianchi 500 targa No. RE 04512 will be assigned to 10 CTA within its W.E. and not surplus to W.E.
2. You will instruct Naples Terr. Command to have the vehicle collected from the Town Major of Salerno and returned to No. 2 E.V.P.
3. Enclosed windscreen label as required.

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

Copy to: S.T.

/slb/

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Q/S/10
Translation.

(10/12)

From:- M. G. W.
To:- H.M.A.

Ref:- 218306/II
Date:- 29th. Aug. 45

Subject:- Vehicle belonging to the ex Film Unit, SARR.

The car FIAT 1500 - Licence No. 2E40031 of the ex Film Unit SARR, has been, in the past, registered by the British Army as a war captured vehicle and numbered CAP 4742082. This appears in a statement made by HQ. 86 Area, Venice (copy of the statement enclosed herewith).

Since said vehicle was part of the equipment normally held on charge by the ex Film Unit SARR (and hence property of the Italian Mil. Admin), we beg you to take the matter up with a view to obtain its restitution.

Yours,
(Sgt) Chief of Cabinet

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Copy.
From:- HQ., 86 Area, C.M.F.
To:- L. of H., Cabinet.

Ref:- ?
Date:- 13/8/45

Venice (copy of the statement enclosed herewith).

Since said vehicle was part of the equipment normally held on charge by the ex Film Unit SMRS (and hence property of the Italian Mil. Admin), we beg you to take the matter up with a view to obtain its restitution.

To: Chief of Cabinet

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Copy.

From: HQ., 36 Area, CAP

To: C. of M., Cabinet.

Ref: - 5

Date: - 13/5/45

The car FIAT 1500, license No. RE 40091, is registered by the British Army under the No. CAP 4742092 as a war captured vehicle.

Max Aubrey
RAF

(Sgd) 9975389

Subject : Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

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

R O M E.

9/5/40.

78. Aug 45.

To : M.M.I.A. L.O., N.W. ITALY.

1. The following vehicles operating under A.M.G. permit but identified as of Italian Army origin have been permitted to return to MILAN conditional on their arrival being reported to MILAN Territorial H.Q. under the following circumstances. You are required to investigate whether or not any such report has been made. The vehicles concerned will be recovered as soon as practicable and issued from No. 6 R.V.P. to a unit of the Italian Army. A report is required concerning each vehicle when possession has been obtained.

Serial No.	Targa No.	Chassis No.	Engine No.
1	014051	800310311	160110311
2	0121	49797	102794
3	000737	006545	011674

Each of the above had a trailer attached.

3. Of the above serials 1 and 2 were seized in FLORENCE but subsequently permitted by Florence Territorial H.Q. to return loaded to MILAN with instructions that they would report arrival to Milan Terr. H.Q. Full particulars were to be sent to you by Lt. WARD.

4. Serial 3 of the above concerns a vehicle which was picked up in NAPLES. The A.M.G. permit and other papers were sent to this Headquarters where they are now held. Following representations by Naples Territorial H.Q. that their identity was uncertain the vehicle was permitted to return to MILAN. Our L.O. at NAPLES instructed Naples Territorial H.Q. to furnish full details to MILAN Territorial H.Q. where the vehicle was to report. Application has been made by the owner's agent for the papers certifying the vehicle had completed delivery at NAPLES. This certificate is however being withheld until such time as you can confirm that the vehicle has been returned to the Italian Army. In the case of this vehicle

2 0121 49797 102794
3 000757 006545 011674

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3. Of the above serials 1 and 2 were seized in FLORENCE but subsequently permitted by Florence Territorial H.Q. to return loaded to MILAN with instructions that they would report arrival to Milan Terr. H.Q. Full particulars were to be sent to you by Lt. WARD.
4. Serial 3 of the above concerns a vehicle which was picked up in NAPLES. The A.G. permit and other papers were sent to this Headquarters where they are now held. Following representations by Naples Territorial H.Q. that their identity was uncertain the vehicle was permitted to return to MILAN. Our L.O. at NAPLES instructed Naples Territorial H.Q. to furnish full details to MILAN Territorial H.Q. where the vehicle was to report. Application has been made by the owner's agent for the papers certifying the vehicle has completed delivery at NAPLES. This certificate is however being withheld until such time as you can confirm that the vehicle has been returned to the Italian Army. In the case of this vehicle it is known to be operating for the firm of SAGDA. 5783
5. M.M.I.A. L.O. NAPLES will obtain and forward to this H.Q. a full report as to why the above vehicle was released. It had been identified as an Italian Army vehicle. Instructions had been issued by the Naples office that it would remain awaiting disposal until further instructions. It is not understood why the Territorial H.Q. applied for permission to release this vehicle on the grounds that it could no longer be identified as Italian Army property. It would appear that this action was taken as the result of urgent representation by the owner's agent. Reference should be made to the letter of 30 July concerning this vehicle addressed to Chief of Staff, M.M.I.A. by Lt. Col. SMITH, copy of which is enclosed for easy reference.

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Rac.

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

Copy to : M.M.I.A. L.O. c/o Florence City Command. (Attn. Lt. Ward.)
M.M.I.A. L.O. NAPLES. (Attn. Major Pinkley.)

/ajc

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Subject: Repair Vehicles 205 Aps. Div.

Jané Porosa Sub Commission A.C.
(U. N. I. A.) RCHS.
25/10
28 August, 1945.

Re:-

S.M.S.

1. The attached list gives details of vehicles held by 205 Aps. Div.
2. You will arrange for the supply of necessary spare parts and for vehicles beyond unit repair (after provision of spares) to be evacuated to nearest Italian Army Repair Unit.
3. A report is required as to whether any request has been received for the necessary parts as stated in last paragraph of Adv. Gen's letter.
4. You will arrange for vehicles withdrawn for repairs to be repaired on local numbers as long as they are referred to the appropriate unit.

RAS

W. A. GIBBS Lt. Col.
S.M.S.
U. N. I. A.

YAL/ton

Copy to:-

Mr. L. G. DUNN,
S.M.S. I. A. I.
H.Q. A.A.S. 32V GIBB LPO APO 528

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W. H. L. A.

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EXHIBIT

TO A.S.V.P. 1981

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130 UNCLASSIFIED.

FOR W.H.L.A. I.C. (.) SUPPLEMENT OUR Q/5/10 OF 25 AUG
EXHIBIT RE: (S) 01/02/677 (.) ANSWER TO Q/11/11 & 1
CANTON THIS CORRECTION IS A 15 Q/11. NO 4965290 (.)
TO A.S.V.P. YOUR Q/33/83 OF 26 SEPTEMBER

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Subject: Captured Army Vehicles

Paul Vernon Eric Gossardian A.C.
(M.I.A.) U.S.A.
✓ 5/90
21 August, 1945.

To:-

M.I.A. Lt.
a/o Florence City Command.

Reference attached Re. Ordnance (VAMS) release
CV/MS/679.

Please arrange with Florence Territorial H. to
have the vehicles in question collected by No. 5 Repair Unit -
Florence.

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E.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
For Major General
H. H. A.

SEE 144/1

Copy to:-

Ministry of War. *USA*
M.I.A.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject:- Vehicle Release.

Ref : OS/REL/ 579
 Tel : 66517

To: O.C. Adv. Sect.
 No. 7 Vehicle Park. AMSTEC

Release of the following vehicle(s) is authorized for issue to

AMSTEC

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Release No.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Car 4 Str. 4 x 2 Fiat M.O. No. 5643165	-	1	10/345	Out of Inventory Vehicle.
Car 4 Str. 4 x 2 Delahaye M.O. No. 5643190	-	1	10	

Copy to:- Unit concerned.

Captain
 for Lt. Col.
 A.D.O.S.

Vehicle(s) may be collected
 from 1st Addressee on
 presentation of this release.
 Collection must be pre-arranged
 with

Copy to: 28 Feb 66.

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Subject:- Captured Enemy Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
 (M.M.I.A.) ROMO.
 2/5/10
 August, 1945.

To:-

M.M.I.A. Allied Commission
 for Transportation Sub Commission - Roads Division.

Reference your AG/371/6/In.5 dated 22 August, 45.

1. It is confirmed that the 9 captured enemy vehicles released by British Ordnance R.A.A.C. under release No. 14/CAP and 3/CAP, are on consignment to this R.C.
2. Action is being taken for their recovery.

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

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Subject: Seizure of Property by "Partisans"

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

25 August 1945

To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. Inviting attention to attached copies of translations of letters with reference to property being seized by a "Partisan" organization at Vercelli, claiming authority of "Allied Authorities".

2. The seizure or recovery of property of the enemy forces is covered in AFHQ letter file AG 386.3/163 LOG-0, Subject: "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy", dated 22 June 1945, which instruction does not grant authority to "Partisans" to recover or use any property defined as "captured enemy material".

3. Since the "Allied Authorities" mentioned by the "Partisan" (Incl 2), must be presumed to be AC/AMG officers, request that the matter be investigated and cleared through ALCOM channels.

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

CPK/lak

cc: MMIA LO, Turin

2 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Translation of Ltr Vercelli Prov Mil Hq, file 178/8, dated 27 July 1945
- Incl 2 - Translation of Ltr CC.RR Torino Territorial Legion, file 131/1, dated 29 July 1945

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Subject:- Captured Enemy Vehicles.

Land Person Sub Commission A.C.
(M. H. L. A.)
25/10
26 August, 1945.

To:-

M. H. L. A. L.S.
c/o 1 District.

Reference attached British Advance (BAC) releases

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677 dated 31 July 45.

Please arrange with Bologna Territorial S.C. to have
the vehicles in question collected.

F. J. [Signature]

H. A. GIBBS Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. H. L. A.

Copies-

Ministry of War.
M. H. L. A.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
ORDINANCE (BRITISH)

Subject:- Vehicle Release

Ref : OS/REL/677

To:- O.C. Adv. Det.
 No. 10 Vehicle Park JESI

Release of the following vehicle(s) is authorised for issue to
 H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION M.M.I.A.

Designation.	Class Qty	Release No.	Remarks.
SPA 15 cct. G.S. Italian.	- 1	3/CAF	W.D. No. 4985290

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Copy to: O H.Q. A.C. M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- H.Q. 38 Veh. Coy.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject:- Vehicle Release

Ref : OS/REL/578

Rel : 66517

To:- C.C. Adv. Ret.
No. 9 Vehicle Park CREMA

Release of the following vehicle(s) is authorised for issue to

H. A. Allied Commission MIA

Designation	Class	Qty	Release No.	Remarks.
Truck 4 x 2 Office converted FIAT	-	1	3/CAP	W.D.No. 5377454
Trailer 2 whld generator	-	1	do	665584
Trailer 2 whld G.S. (Italian)	-	1	do	5320162
Trailer 2 whld Bty (Italian)	-	1	do	5648612

Copy to:- H. A.C. MIA

Copy to: H. 38 Veh. Coy.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject:- Vehicle Release

Ref : 08/REL/680
Tel : 66517

To:- O.C. Adv. Ret.
No. 10 Vehicle Park. JMSI

Release of the following vehicle(s) is authorized for issue to

H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION

Designation	Class	Qty	Release No.	Remarks.
Car 4 Str. 4 x 2 Saloon. Fiat	-	1	W/CAP	Captured Enemy Vehicles.

Copy to:- H.Q. A.C.

Copy to H.Q. 38 Veh Coy.

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ROAD AREA ALLIED COMMAND
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject:- Vehicle Release

Ref : OS/WEL/CS1
Tel : 66317

To:- O.C. Adv. BRT.
No. 9 Vehicle Park. Command

Release of the following vehicle(s) is authorized for issue to
H.Q. Allied Commission.

Designation.	Class Qty	Release No.	Remarks.
1/2 30 cwt. 4 x 2 G.S. Renault W.D. No. 1336910	- 1	4/CAP	Captured Enemy Vehs.

Copy to:- H.Q. A.C.

Copy to: O.C. 38 Veh. Coy.

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M.M.I.A.

1 District: Florence City Command
Ponbase: Pensouth: 54 Area.

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FOR M.M.I.A. LO. (.) REFERENCE OUR Q/5/10 OF 21 JUNE 45 (.)
SUBJECT RECOVERY ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES FROM US AFOD (.) CG
AAPSC MTO REQUESTS ORDINANCE DEPOTS BE CLEARED EARLIEST (.)
M.M.I.A. MAIN OBJECT TO CLEAR AFOD IMMEDIATELY THEREFORE IF
INABLE RECOVER VEHICLES TO REPAIRS UNIT IN SHORT TIME, YOU WILL
ARRANGE FOR TEMPORARY DEPOT TO BE FORMED IN VICINITY OF AFOD (.)
RECOVERY TO REPAIRS UNITS CAN THEN PROCEED FROM THERE (.) LIAISE WITH
TERRITORIAL DIRECTORS OF REPAIRS AND ENSURE THEY REALISE URGENCY
OF THIS MATTER (.) REPORT ACTION TAKEN

SEE 159
Important

SEE 140
SEE 142
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Subject: Seized Enemy Material - Release of.

Land Force Sub Commission S.C.
(S.M.I.A.)
7/3/50
25 August 1950.

To:-

S.M.I.A. (O/AR)

1. It is reported that the following vehicles (that 1943 Feraris) are held by S.C. DISCOM having been requisitioned by S.C.

Serial No.	Vehicle No.	Registration No.
305707	79598	8 - 81
305708	79595	8 - 80
305709	79597	7 - 75
306691	79569	8 - 72
305760	79579	8 - 74
305690	79565	8 - 70
305763	79598	8 - 69
305798	79598	8 - 69
305795	79570	8 - 11
305700	79560	7 - 12

2. They are claimed as Italian Military vehicles, but the local S.C. Transport Officer raises the objection that they were manufactured by order of the German Authorities. This being the case, the vehicles clearly are under the category "Seized Enemy Material" and S.M.I.A. disposal instructions are necessary.

In view of the acute shortage of Italian military vehicles, approval is requested for the Italian Army to be given possession.

RACUNTER
S. J. CURVIN Lt. Col.
For Major General.
S. M. I. A.

SEE 172

Copy to:-

S.M.I.A. L. S. A. Italy.
S.C. L. S. Berlin reference 22/1/50 13 Aug 45.

SEE 164

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Subject : Italian Army Transport - 110 Vehicles.

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

22 Aug 45.

To : M.M.I.A. L.O. N.W. ITALY.
M.M.I.A. L.O. SICILY.

1. Reference attached copy of a letter to the War Ministry concerning the recovery of Italian Army vehicles in possession of civilians. The firm of GENIANI has refused to relinquish possession of the 24 vehicles which they are at present operating in the vicinity of MILAN. ~~Targa Nos. of these vehicles are attached.~~
2. It is probable that many of these vehicles are carrying an A.M.C. Milan permit and that they are engaged in the wine trade between Sicily and North Italy. These permits are invalid and the vehicles will be recovered.
3. M.M.I.A. L.O., N.W. ITALY will report any difficulty experienced with or objections raised by local A.C. officials and will render such assistance as necessary to the Italian Army authorities.
4. M.M.I.A. L.O., SICILY is ~~required~~ to arrange for watch to be kept on vehicles crossing the MESSINA Ferry and for the seizure of any of the vehicles referred to which may be detected provided they answer to the description given and be identified as originally belonging to the Italian Army.

SEE 150
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R.A. CURTIES, Lt.Col.
For Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject : Italian Army Transport. - 110 Vehicles.

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

22 Aug 45.

To : War Ministry.

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2nd Lt. [unclear]

1. Reference this Headquarters letter Q 5/10 dated 7 Jul. regarding recovery of the 110 vehicles. The present position concerning the recovery of these vehicles is accepted to be as shown on attached Appendix 'A'
2. You are required to take action without further delay regarding recovery of the 24 vehicles belonging to GERANI and known to be operating between MILAN and SICILY. See App B.
3. Action is also required to expedite the recovery of the unservicable vehicles still retained by the civilian firms and you are requested to report when the recovery of these vehicles has been completed.

see ① Q284

RAC

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

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

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Subject:- Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Command A.C.
(H. M. I. A.)
9/5/10
21 August, 1945.

To:-

H.M.I.A. D.C.
c/o Florence City Command.

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Reference your SI/T/77 dated 17 Aug 45.

- 1. No further action needed.
- 2. Matter has been taken up with A.C. by this H.C.

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

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Subject:- Man Larry of German Make.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) RCMR.
2/5/10
21 August, 1945.

To:-

U. S. Allied Commission,
for War Material Disposal & Italian PW Sub Commission

The attached translated copy of letter 114/52 dated
10 Aug 45, is forwarded to you for information and such
action as you consider necessary.

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RAS

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

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COPY

From: Lasio OC.RH Legion.

Ref : 113/32

to : S.V.I.A.

Date : 10/8/45

Subject:- "Man" Lorry of German Make.

Reference to 9028/M.251 of the 22/7/45.

We inform you that Mr. Tattini Alessandro of Spoleto is holding a "Man" lorry of German make.

The lorry's particulars are as follows (lorry being in good condition):

Engine No. 100905/74. Chassis No: 100968

The said lorry has been impounded and Tattini Alessandro has been nominated provisionally consignee, by orders issued by the M.T. Repair Directorate of the Territorial Military Command of Rome.

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Subject : Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

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

21 Aug 45.

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

Reference your TUR/7/Q dated 13 Aug.

1. It is considered that vehicles of this type cannot be claimed as Italian Army property under the provision of A.P.H.Q. directive. Disposal of such vehicles would therefore appear to be a matter for the Allied authorities. However if in the possession of civilian firms the War Ministry possess a right, under Italian Law, to requisition such vehicles for military use.

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

Copy to : L.O., R.W. ITALY
L.O. 60 Sub Area.

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YOUR 2924 1 AUG AND Y607 18 AUG SUBJECT AIR FORCE VEHICLES (L)
 NO OBJECTION SHIPMENT MAINLAND WHEN SPACE AVAILABLE (L)
 REPORT POSITION REGARDING ARMY VEHICLES ON LOAN R.A.F.
 YOUR MEMO 21 JUNE REFERS

SEE 174/3

Important
 J. H. [unclear]
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SUBJ: Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles.

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

Q/5/10
15 August 1945

TO : Ministry of War

Copy to: M.H.I.A. IC c/o HQ 1 District

TRACTOR SPA 38 Motor No. 204950
CARRYING FIAT 1100 Motor No. 291751
Chassis No. 273725

1. Information has been received that the a/m Italian Army vehicles were found abandoned and are at present on loan to the Comune of RADIA, Province of NOVIGO.
2. You will make the necessary arrangements to have these two vehicles recovered for the Italian Army.
3. It is suggested Territorial HQ BOLOGNA should collect them and hand them in to Officina Automobilistica Regio Esercito at BOLOGNA.

SEE 91.15-6205
R.A.

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

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TRANSLATION

From: M.O.W.

To: Florence Mil Terr HQ. (VII)

Q/S/10

File

Ref: 28282

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Date 14/8/45

118/5

Subject: Recovery of Vehicles of Italian Army origin at present employed in the various provinces of Tuscany.

I)

In order to ~~submit to the government~~ ^{cooperate as far} as possible, the precise and ~~preferable~~ orders of the Allied HQ appertaining to the recovery of ~~the~~ vehicles, formerly the property of the Mil Admin, with those that are ~~xxx~~ particularly necessary to the various provinces in your territory especially with regard to the supplying of food to the said provinces, the Repair Directorate addressed ~~as~~ above, should immediately contact the prefects of the Prefecture concerned, ~~for~~ the purpose of ~~com~~ing to ~~xxxx~~ a common agreement on a program for the gradual handing over of ~~these~~ vehicles ~~which~~ prove to be of Italian Army origin, requesting, from this Ministry, confirmation of those whose origin might prove to be doubtful.

II)

In any case we state that the program must be carried out in such a manner that the handing over is completed on the 31st of OCT-45.

III)

It will be advisable if, during the execution of this program, of handing over, priority should be given to vehicles of the greatest load carrying capacity ^{and to those not performing public utility services.}

IIII)

The program, arranged with the prefects must be sent as quickly as possible to this Ministry for information, together with all the information which can be given towards the recovery of the vehicles and which deals with the agreements ~~reached~~ with the said prefects;

For the Ministry: (Gen P.G. PROPERZJ.)

Signed: Gen U. RUSSO.

Viccari/ WH/

The program, arranged with the prefects must be sent as quickly as possible to this Ministry for information, together with all the information which can be given towards the recovery of the vehicles and which deals with the agreements reached with the said prefects;

For the Ministry; (Gen P.G. PROPERZJ.)

Signed : Gen U. RUSSO.

Viccardi/ WH/

Handwritten initials

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Translation
 From M of War

118/4
 13 Aug 45

To MMIA

Ref 27100/8498 NR

Subject - Motor Transport Truck - Peugeot, Engine No. 946777.

1. With reference to letter EME/1523 dated 27 July 45 dealing with the same subject.

2. On May 8th, 1945, the Directorate of Transport Repairs of the Military Territorial Command of Rome informed this Ministry that it had cancelled the licence of the a/m truck, which was being used by the Comune of Monterano, by the Military Governor of Santa Marinella, and requested to know if the truck had come from military sources.

3. This Ministry replied that from the inquiries made the said truck did not appear to be included amongst those belonging to the Army since the 8th Sept, 1943.

4. The Directorate of Transport Repairs, Rome continued to hold this truck, as impounded, and invited the Comune to hold it at the disposal of the Allies, even using it for public utility services, and to regularize the position of the vehicle with the MMIA.

Since the vehicle is enemy war captured material, we leave it to you to decide, proposing the final cession to the Comune that had the truck formerly.

L. Carme

Sgd Properzj

Agreed
 RAC

Approved
 20/8

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Translation.

M. of W.O.

Ref: 8830/21.

OMRE+ Information Office.

Date: - 13th. Aug; 45

For information to:-

MIA.

9/2/10

1/8/3

Subject:- Recovery of Army vehicles.

In accordance with MIAs' instructions, the disbanded Industrial Inspection Unit had to return to No.1 Repair Unit (by the 4th June 45), the following vehicles:-

SEE LIST OF VEHICLES ON LETTER.

Instead, as at to-days' date, only the u/m vehicles were return^{ed} by the said unit to No.1 Repair Unit:-

SEE LIST OF VEHICLES ON LETTER.

Therefore, as per agreements made, we beg you to invite the disbanded Industrial Inspection Unit to return urgently the vehicles which have not yet been returned or, on the other hand, state the reasons as to why the return of vehicles has not been completed.

Fabre.

(Sgd) Proverzj.

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SEE File 175/2
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Subject: Italian Army Vehicles

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

17 August 1945

To : Headquarters ALCOM

1. Inviting attention to attached copy of letter from AMG Verona Province to a non-commissioned officer of the Italian Army Recovery Commission directing him to return to a civilian an Italian Army vehicle which had been taken from the civilian.
2. The second paragraph of the attached letter does not state the facts.
3. The Italian Army has, and is returning, the vehicle in question.

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

CPK/lak

1 Incl:
Ltr AMG, Verona Province, dated 16 July 1945.

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C O P Y

A.M.G.
N.E.District Verona Province

To: Maresciallo Bisconti

Subject: Bus

34/21

16 July 1945

1. You will immediately give back the bus that you have requisitioned on July 13, 1945 from the house of Rossignoli Giovanni, Via Pieri, Alberedo d'Adige.
2. Information received shows that Recovery Commission 21 is authorized to recover only the vehicles which were formerly in possession of the ex-Republican Army. All vehicles with German plates, even if of Italian manufacture, belong to AMG.

/s/ A. F. Large, Lt (Northampton)
C.A.C. - N.E. District
Verona Province

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

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(K)

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

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Appendix 'A'

FO

Q/5/10 dated 22nd Aug 45.

<u>Firm.</u>	<u>Obtained.</u>	<u>Repaired.</u>	<u>Recovered.</u>	<u>Outstanding.</u>
C.I.T.A.M.	44	21	28	16
SEGA ALCESTE	3	3	3	-
GIANNINI	33	24	-	33
A.G.I.C.A.	4	2	4	-
COMMUNE OF GUBIAGO	3	3	1	2
S/A/VIANINI	2	2	2	-
S.A.F.R.A.I.	6	6	5	1
S.A.P.R.A.	8	3	2	5
SAITAR	9	-	1	8
TOTAL	110	64	45	65

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Appendix 'B'

To

4/5/10. and Aug 45.

<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>Make & Type.</u>	<u>Chassis Number.</u>	<u>Engine Number.</u>
2266/LT	FIAT 621	000859	001227
2267/LT	BIANCHI MED	306550933	306550923
2270/LT	LANCIA 3 RO	464/546	4985
2736/LT	LANCIA 3 RO	464/6231	0050
2671/LT	CEIRANO C 50	9437	2212
2673/LT	LANCIA 3 RO	504/10145	2267
2674/LT	LANCIA 3 RO	464/803	0403
2676/LT	FIAT 636		008879
2737/LT	LANCIA 3 RO	5041011	4641020
2679/LT	SPA 38	018887	0-3555
2680/LT	BIANCHI MEDIO	9383	
2732/LT	BIANCHI MEDIO	9143	
2681/LT	G.M.TAURUS	22235	0054
2738/LT	FIAT 508	274576	
2684/LT	ISOTTA FRANCHINI	4954	
2686/LT	FIAT 626	003404	
2687/LT	SPA 38	0188775	
2688/LT	ISOTTA F.B.	4956	2961
2689/LT	G.M.TAURUS	20834	20834
2690/LT	FIAT 626	003393	
2691/LT	ISOTTA FRANCHINI	2887	3010
2692/LT	FIAT 626	004593	
2693/LT	LANCIA 3 RO	64303	
2731/LT	LANCIA 3 RO	5047050	46412310

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Subject:- Recovery of Vehicles.Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME

✓ 9/5/10

11 August, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.3rd AttachmentReference your 6/5000/SERV dated 4 August and your
6/5923/SERV dated 25 June 45.FIAT 666 Motor No. 003135 Chassis No. IM 001758
Lorry " " 4931519 " " B40 - 6
"Adige" Trailer

1. Of the above listed vehicles, only the FIAT 666 will be taken on charge of the Italian Army and you will be given instructions for this vehicle to be handed in to No. 5 Repairs Unit - Florence.

2. The other two vehicles will be handed over to A.C. M.M.I.A. I.C. Florence will make the necessary arrangements with the local A.C. *representative* for this transfer.

R.A.

R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.Copy to:- M.M.I.A. I.C. c/o Florence City Command (for action in para. 2.).
S.T.
N.E.M.E.

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From : Ministry of War.

Ref : 6/5943

Date: 23 June 1945.

To : MIA

Subject: Salvaged Vehicles.

On the 30 April, a Lieut. of the American Army deposited, in temporary custody, at Florence central school U.C.R.R. the following vehicles:

- (1) Lorry Fiat Motor No. 003135 Chassis No. MI 001758
Tyres 5 good tyres + 1 partly worn Condition good.
- (2) Trailer type "Alige" Tyres 8 partly worn + 1 good.
Condition good.
- (3) Light lorry. Motor No. n 4931519 Chassis 840-6- Tyres 4
American: tyres 6-00-16 Good. Condition Good.

Since the American officer still has not come to collect them the Central School H. O. C.C.R.R asks permission to utilise them in the meantime, for its own internal services.

We have no objections.

We beg you to inform us of your decision, and if it is agreed, to send the necessary windscreen labels to authorise the running of said vehicles.

(signed) Giorgio Luazi.

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR (SMRS)
TO : M.M.I.A.

Ref: 6/8000/SERV
Date 4 Aug 45.

Subject:- Salvaged Vehicles.

(Your letter ST/1306 dated June 26th 1945)

1. We think that the lorry FIAT 666 belonged originally to the Italian Army. However, it carries a simple star (without circle) on the left side and AC XI on the buffer.

The trailer is civilian, whilst the CHEVROLET lorry carries the initials AMG on the right side.

2. None of the vehicles concerned has a military license plate.

3. We are not in a position to inform you as to what unit the American officer belonged.

Gen. Renco.

Subject:- Vehicles of 7 ARVF

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

✓ 5/10
8 August 1945

To:- M.M.I.A. L.O.
FLORENCE City Command

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Reference your SE/T/P/7 dated 3 August 45.

No further action need be taken with regards to vehicles passed to Salvage, provided that you are satisfied there are no spare parts etc. which can be of any use to the Italian Army.

[Signature]
R.A. CURTIS Lt.Col.,
For Major General,
M.M.I.A.

JL/ar

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Subject: Italian Armed Forces Transportation

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/5/10 ✓
August 1945

To : Chief Commissioner, ALCOM

1. Inviting attention to translation of a document served on the Headquarters of the Italian Air Force at Milan by AMG on 25 July. It is understood that a similar document has been sent to the Italian Army Headquarters in Milan, and for this reason the matter is brought to your attention.

2. a. Par 1 of the document does not correctly state the AFHQ instructions which apply to all Italian Armed Forces vehicles in Italy and which provide that any question as to whether or not such vehicles are property of the Armed Forces will be decided by MMIA.

b. The statement in Par 2 is entirely incorrect inasmuch as AMG/AC is not authorized to block, control, give away, seize or exercise any supervision over Italian Armed Force vehicles and any documents issued by AMG/AC to this effect are null and void.

3. Such instructions by Regional Commissioners to Italian units can only be termed as unwarranted interference with an Italian unit operating directly in accordance with AFHQ instructions, and it is therefore requested that the matter be clarified with the AMG/AC officers concerned so that further difficulties will not arise.

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

CPK/lak

cc: Air Forces Sub Commission, ALCOM

Copy translation

FROM : Hq AMG
Transport Department APO 394
TO : Hq Italian Air Force Milan
Subject: War Materials

23 July 1945

It has been brought to the attention of this department that trucks bearing AMG licenses have been stopped and requisitioned by Italian Air Force Recovery officers who assert that the vehicles in question are military lorries.

We wish to clarify that:

1. Only the trucks of the present Italian Army, duly registered and consigned to the Italian Armed Forces before and up to 6 Sept 1943 are subject to recovery.
2. In any case, the vehicles, the spare parts, and accessories duly reported to AMG and whose holders have the proper AMG forms, cannot be recovered without this department's authorization. And this, in order that AMG can keep control.
3. The contents of this letter must be brought to the attention of your General Headquarters in order that it may issue the necessary instructions to the authorities under its command.

for The Regional Commissioner
Col J. M. Fitzgerald

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Translation

From : Hq. AMG
 Transport Department APO 394
 To : Hq. It. Air Force Milan
 Subject : War materials.

Ref. :
 Date : July 23, 1945

It has been brought to the attention of this department that trucks bearing AMG licenses have been stopped and requisitioned by It. Air Force Recovery officers who assert that the vehicles in question are military lorries.

We wish to clarify that:

1. Only the trucks of the present It. Army duly registered and consigned to the It. Armed Forces before and up to Sept. 3, 1943 are subject to recovery.
2. In any case, the vehicles, the spare parts, and accessories duly reported to AMG and whose delinquency holders have the proper AMG forms, cannot be recovered without this Department's authorization. And this, in order that AMG can keep control.
3. The contents of this letter must be brought to the attention of your Gen. Hq. in order that it may issue the necessary instructions to the authorities under its command.

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Cpl. VDJ

for the Regional Commissioner
 Col. J. M. Fitzgerald.

for the Regional Commissioner
Col. J. M. Fitzgerald.

Cpl. VJ3

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TRANSLATION

108/11

From: M.of.W.

Date: 6/8/45

To: M.M.I.A.

Ref: 217216/11

9/2/10

220-13-1

Subject: Non-authorized Military Vehicles

Answer to letter Q/5/10 dated 30/7/45

Further to what ^{was} pointed out by M.M.I.A. regarding the circulation of non-authorized vehicles, I ordered S.M.R.E to issue precise instructions, to stop any further ~~irregular~~ ^{improper} use of Italian Transport.

Severe measures will be taken against the personnel who uses vehicles without the prescribed windscreen label, and against the ^{Supervisory} personnel who does not act with energy and decision.

A copy of instructions which will be issued will be forwarded in due course.

H. ERRERA. Cpl

Sgd: Illegible

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Subject:- Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
M.M.I.A. ROME.
0/5/10
August 1945.

To :- MGIA IO
Florence City Command

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Reference your ST/T/P/7 dated 30 July 45.

1. No action to be taken on para 8 of the a/m report.
2. British trucks and trailers cannot be turned over to the Italians and it is up to the US Depot to ask AFHQ for the necessary disposal instructions.

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

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REFERENCE YOUR Y.607 OF 18(.) ITALIAN AIR
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FORWARD FURTHER COPY

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Subject: Italian Army Vehicles in 205 Italian Division

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

1 August 1945

To : Commanding General, USAAFSC/WTO, APO 528, US Army

1. Request that you direct the Commanding General, 205 Italian Division to render a return to MMIA, as of 1 Aug 1945, showing each Italian Army vehicle on hand, and for each vehicle:

- a. Make and type
- b. Motor and chassis number
- c. RE number
- d. Capacity
- e. Windshield label number
- f. Unit to which assigned.

2. Consequent with the reduction in strength of the 205 Division, it appears that some of the vehicles presently assigned could be released as units are reduced. Request that information be furnished as to what vehicles can be released, and when.

For the Commanding General:


CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

CPK/lek

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FOR MKIA LO MAJOR VAN BIRK(.)
BRING FULL DETAILS TRANSPORT VEHICLES
210 ADMIN. DIV. HELD AND/OR TRANSFERRED
OTHER UNITS.

Commandant

Robertson

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Subject: Unauthorized Army Vehicles

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

20 July 1945

To : Minister for War

1. For some months the system of windscreen labels for authorized Army vehicles has been in effect in the area south of the Arno River. Under this instruction only vehicles with the authorized labels are authorized to circulate. The system was instituted for the purpose of:

- a. Conserving Army transport for legitimate needs.
- b. Bringing under War Ministry control all vehicles in the hands of civilians and unauthorized units.
- c. Conservation of tires and petrol, both of which are critical items throughout the world, and for the Italian Army must be imported into Italy.

2. For several months, the services of numerous Allied officers have been given to the problem of reorganization of the Army transport, establishment of workshops and repair of vehicles, and recovery of vehicles.

3. However, my officers report that numerous Italian Army vehicles without windscreen labels are freely circulating in the area, and are frequently seen on the streets of Rome. This can only be the result of indifference on the part of your officers in the enforcement of orders, otherwise these vehicles would be seized by the CC.RR, Army units, or control posts.

4. I am directed to inform you that the effort of the Allies in assisting the reorganization of the Army transport system is dependent on full and active cooperation of all the agencies of the Italian Government. It must be fully understood that the provision of tires and petrol by import will be dependent on the action of the Italian Army to correct abuses and clean its own house. Therefore, the ability of the Italian Army to maintain itself in the matter of transport depends on you, and unless positive action is taken without further delay, Allied assistance will be severely prejudiced if not withdrawn.

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Major General 5644
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

CPK/lak

Subject: Recovery of Vehicle

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Home

Q/5/10

28 July 1945

To : Headquarters ALGOM

1. Inviting attention to attached copy of letter sent to Italian Army Recovery Commission No 21, by the Transportation Officer, Vicenza Province.
2. This letter constitutes unauthorized interference with the Italian authorities, shows that the Transportation Officer is either ignorant of, or deliberately disregarding AFHQ instructions inasmuch as the AMG has no authority to block an Italian Army vehicle or to allow its use by a civilian, and the last paragraph is an attempt to intimidate the Italians by threats of prosecution.
3. The Italians have been instructed to disregard any such "orders", and it is suggested that the officer concerned be properly informed in order to prevent his further embarrassment.

CPK/lak

cc: MMIA LO, 5 Army

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

SEE 89/1.

See 95/2

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C O P YALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION XII
VICENZA PROVINCE

Date 14/7/45

To: Commissione Recupero No. 21

At about four o'clock yesterday afternoon 13/7/45 a truck Lancia 3R0 was stopped by you and taken away by you. This man was in possession of an official Foglio di Viaggio and also in possession of a blocking order for the vehicle signed by the Allied Government.

This vehicle will be released with Rimorchio immediately and any such action occurring again against the Allied Command will be dealt with by an Allied Court.

TRANSPORTATION OFFICER
VICENZA PROVINCE
A.M.G.

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Translation.Secret.

From:- CORR Territorial Legion, Lazio.
Sabaudia Station.

Ref:- 5/45-1-1944.

To:- MIA.

Date:- 27th July 45.

Subject:- German Army Motor-tricycle.

A certain salesman named Gallo Pasquale, son of late Giuseppe and of Versani Margherita, born at Frignano Maggiore (Naples) on 19 May 1912 where he actually resides, possesses a German Army motor-tricycle. Particulars and documentation of the vehicle are:-

Engine No. 21013.

Chassis No. 29622.

Licence No. 3398 - Napoli.

Circulation permit No. 1260 (released last year by M. of Tpt. - Inspectorate, Civilian Tpt. and Tpt. in Naples Branch).

The note "REBUILT MOTORCYCLE" is shown on said permit.

Gallo Pasquale states to have purchased the vehicle in question in the year 1944 having been authorised to do so by the Allied HQ.

The above is reported to you for whatever action you may take on the matter since the vehicle in question belonged to the German Army and hence is Allied war captured material.

Fabre.

(Sgd) Angiolino Di Prospero.

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Subject:- Requisitioning of Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R30E.

0/5/40

27 July 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

6/4/1. 2nd Lt. Jackel

Reference your ¹⁴⁴⁵⁴ 03066 dated 12 July 45.

It is understood that of the seven vehicles in question, three have been purchased by the Italian Naval Authorities, one has been released as unsuitable, and that the remaining three are held by a Military Unit.

Notwithstanding these vehicles being the property of civilians, there can be no objection to the Ministry requisitioning them for the use of the Armed Forces as provided by Italian Law.

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

Copy to:-

L.O. Sicily. ref 361 dated 24 Jul 45.

RAC/fem

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