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AUGUST 1945

Serial

Re. Date

Subject

Letter Reference.

- 1 4 Aug 45 War Ministry letter informing all Italian H.Q. commanders that official correspondence of an urgent nature may be sent by air to Territorial H.Q. Milan, Turin and Bologna. It also lays down procedure to be adopted.
- 2 1 Aug 45 Major MR Maxwell RA - transferred from "A" Branch MIA to take over from Major MADDOCK
- 3 2 Aug 45 Administration BRD 802 Orvieto.
In accordance with A.S.H. 1. 43 091.711/051 OCT-45 dated 26 June 45 the Italian Base Re-inforcement Depot at Orvieto is to become a re-organisation centre for Italian Army units and units of the Regiment will be sent to Orvieto where personnel and equipment will be dispersed of.
- 4 2 Aug 45 Conference with Major Parsons (I), head of Major Repair Programme, on leather requirement for next three months. Then three months requirements of leather has been obtained by the using services it is contemplated that WIPB control of leather will be withdrawn.
- 5 3 Aug 45 Letter to War Ministry directing that all captured animals formerly the property of the Italian Army should follow the same lines as in the case of other War Ministry property.
- 6 3 Aug 45 Major A BROWN M.C. left on posting to "Y" post
- 7 3 Aug 45 Lt. and Officer in charge of Artillery Records, departed for inspection of Ammo. Deposits in

War Ministry letter
9/11688/501/Serv.
dated 4 Aug 45.

3/8 dated
2 Aug 45
H.Q. 1 District.

3/18/2 of 3 Aug 45
to War Ministry.

will be withdrawn.

discussed reorganization of repair programs to include Northern Italy. The Central repair n. . . will be located in Florence or Bologna.

✓18/2 of 5 Aug 45
to AF Industry.

Letter to AF Ministry directing that all captured animals formerly the property of the Italian Army should follow the same lines as in the cases of other AF Ministry property.

Major LA BARKOCK MAC left on posting to "Y" ACD

Lt. and Officer in charge of Artillery records, departed for inspection of Assoc. Depots in Tesho n. area.

✓08/373 of 4 Aug
(copy att.)

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A signed was sent to AFHQ agreeing that no further issues of clothing or boots should be made from Br Ord for 22-III Service Tps unless specifically asked for. No demands are expected to be necessary during 1945, with the exception of winter underwear.

✓22 dated 4 Aug 45.

Issue of P.O.B. to 22-III and 23-III Units. Allied H.Q.s. informed that all work tickets of vehicles belonging to 22-III and 23-III Units may be endorsed "Entitled to draw P.O.B. from Allied Military sources" and signed by the responsible Allied Officer, or unit sponsoring the journey. Failure to do this will result in vehicles being unable to obtain P.O.B. as Allied formations of individuals not directly concerned with the operation of the units involved will not be in a position to make the necessary endorsement.

✓5 dated 6 Aug 45.

Ministry of War requested to disband 40 Artillery Workshop in Tarquinia and post all personnel to 14. Repairs Unit.

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- 11 6 Aug 45 ICH has made an additional 5,000 sets of B.D. available at Naples, dyed brown instead of black. ICH, however, is demanding a cash payment on delivery of 280 lire per garment.
- 12 7 Aug 45 Lt. Ward, Arty Records, departed for temporary assignment as Lt Florence. Duties of Artillery Records passed to Capt. Fordyce.
- 13 7 Aug 45 Amendment No. 5 to MIA Adm. Inst No. 22 - Deletes: Vegetables, Dehydrated 1 oz. from Italian Ration Scale.
- 14 7 Aug 45 Ltr. Q/1-22, subj., "Equivalent Items - Italian Army Ration Scale", deletes Vegetables, Dehydrated 1 oz. and equivalent items from Italian Ration Scale.
- 15 7 Aug 45 Signal F 33088 from AFHQ approves changing personal clothing and equipment of Combat Groups to Italian Government as laid down in our letter Q/1/15-151 of 11 July.
- 16 8 Aug 45 The proposal made to the Combined Chief of Staff to transfer tyros and tubes from British and U.S. Theatre stocks to the Italian Army

Q/5/9
ATHQ letter
AG. 386.3/163
GCP-0 dated 8
Aug to MHI6.

to be received favourable

- 14 7 Aug 45 Ltr. Q/1-92, subj., "Equivalent Items - Italian Army Italian Scale", deleted Vegetables, Dehydrated 1 oz. and equivalent items from Italian Nation Scale.
- 15 7 Aug 45 Signal I 33088 from AFHQ approves changing personal clothing and equipment of Combat Groups to Italian Government as laid down in our letter Q/1/15-151 of 11 July.
- 16 8 Aug 45 The proposal made to the Combined Chief of Staff to transfer tyres and tubes from British and U.S. Theatre stocks to the Italian Army has not received favourable consideration. Italian Army requirements will not be mingled with requirements for the Italian Civilian economy. Materials furnished to meet civilian needs for manufacture of rep. ir of tyres and tubes must not be used by Italian Army. The source of supply for any requirements will be indicated when decisions are reached on the responsibility for supply of the Italian Army.
- 17 8 Aug 45 Information received from D/10 NAAC that 227 Div (Home Det) are establishing a Sub Depot at TORRE-CELLA.
- 18 9 Aug 45 allotments of winter clothing were made to Adm Div Sub Depots, based on the estimated strength of the Divs at mid-Sep.

Q/5/9
AFHQ Letter
AG.385.3/183
GCT-O dated 8
Aug to WMA.

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| 19 | 9 Aug 45 | Ltr. Q/1/16-10 to AFHQ, subj.,
"Inspection - Italian Naval Rations",
deals with rations provided the
Italian Navy based on strength figures
obtained semi-monthly by the Navy Sub
Comm. A.C. MIA not responsible after
issues are made to Italian Naval Bulk
Depots. | |
| 20 | 10 Aug 45 | Release 125,000 bed sheets to U.S.
Army and 125,000 to British Army on
AFHQ order. | |
| 21 | 10 Aug 45 | The first issue of clothing (approx
3000 sets) from BRIT stocks was
made to ERIC, OSANCO. | Q/1/382
of 10 Aug. |
| 22 | 11 Aug 45 | Letter from Office of the Flag
Officer Italy and Liaison Rome to
Transportation Sub Commission
informing them of arrangements made
for the conveyance of displaced
Persons and Italian Service Personnel
in "B" Class Italian Ships. | Q/14/3
P.O.I.L. Letter
1028/7 dated
11 Aug 45. |
| 23 | 11 Aug 45 | War Ministry letter to rear H.Q.
stating that instructions issued
regarding the use of Wardscreen
labels are not being carried out. C.Os.
concerned are informed that this
discrepancy shows entire lack of | War Ministry
Letter
6/8388/Serv
dated 11 Aug 45. |

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2/14/3
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1028/7 dated
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War Ministry
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6/5389/Serv
dated 14 Aug 45.

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regarding the use of Windecran
labels are not being carried out. O.Os.
concerned are inferred that tide
disobedience shows entire lack of
discipline and might prejudice or
cause the Allied collaboration to be
withdr wn from the Italian authorities
in the reorganization of military
transport. Severe disciplinary action
will be taken in future against anyone
not obeying these instructions.

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2/14/3
dated 11 Aug 45

24 11 Aug 45
See Transport Sardinia.
Ministry of War informed that
arrangements have been made with
Navy Sub Commission and the Regia
Marina for a destroyer to make five
round trips a month between Naples
and Cagliari for the conveyance of
Italian Military personnel under the
following categories.

- (a) Personnel proceeding on duty
specifically authorized by
orders in their possession
to travel on this destroyer.
- (b) Leave personnel with some
authority as to (a)

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(a) Personnel of the present Army who have been demobilized and who have some authority as in (e).

This is in addition to the S.S. Abnasis and Campidoglio already working.

25 15 Aug 45 Accomodation-German Surrendered personnel. Letter to L.Os. informing them of the policy laid down in AFHQ letter AG 386.3/163-C dated 8 Aug, regarding accomodation. German Units may occupy accomodation which has formerly been occupied by Allied or Italian Units, provided that the local commander is satisfied that such accomodation can be adequately guarded. If existing accomodation is not available, German Units will be accomodated in temporary camp. No buildings, etc. will be specially requisitioned for German troops.

26 15 Aug 45 Received information that rail bids can be accepted from the SOUTH right through to INSTAL for DOLO. This will accelerate deliveries to 28 Div. Rail and shipping bids adjusted accordingly.

2/03/391
 of 15 Aug.

2/12/3 dated
 15 Aug 45.

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9/08/394
of 15 Aug.

26 15 Aug 45 Received information that rail bids can be accepted from the SOUTH right through to MESSERS FOR DOLG. This will accelerate deliveries to 228 Div. Rail and shipping bids adjusted accordingly.

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27 15 Aug 45 Ltr. D03/122/4 from AFHQ submitting Draft of D03 Circular No. 222, subd., "Accounting for issues to Italian Armed Forces and their Agencies", for comments and recommendations.

28 16 Aug 45 Signal TX 36206 from AFMUSA states that there will be no change to the Italian Government for mules returned from Peck Companies of Fifth Army.

9/08/395
of 15 Aug.
(copy att)

29 16 Aug 45 Requirements of winter underclothings from DE Ord stocks sent to AFHQ.

30 18 Aug 45 Ltr. Q/1/15-174 in reply to letter D03/122/4 from AFHQ, agreeing with draft.

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- 31 20 AUG 45 Col. NOAKES and Maj. MARRIALL visited AFHQ and MMIA LO NAPLES. Various clothing and boot repair shops in NAPLES were inspected, and appeared to be working efficiently and producing substantial quantities of clothing and boots. PRATTA WARE DEPOT and PRATTA-MACCIONE Depot and Dye-works were also visited. Returned to ROME 21 AUG.
- 32 20 AUG 45 Attended APIS Conference. Three months' supply of leather was allotted to War Ministry. All leather items are to be de-controlled as from 1 October, 1945.
- 33 21 AUG 45 Letter to War Ministry informing them that Recovering Commissions are to work under the direction of MMIA LO's who are in a position to secure from the appropriate Allied Command the authority necessary to recover possession of Italian Army Property wherever located. 9/5 dated 21 Aug 45
- 34 21 AUG 45 War Ministry informed that the disposal of spare parts surplus to the requirements of the Italian Army can now be effected by them provided the required approval is obtained from MMIA 9/5/45 dated 21 Aug 45

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EC 1 Repair Unit. Q/5/9 ds60621 Aug 45

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35 22 Aug 45 Ministry of War was informed that Combat personnel who were being demobilised were to be sent away in green battle-dress, since black-dress was not available. Khaki battle-dress will not be used for this purpose. Q/08/11/3 of 22 Aug. (copy att.)

36 23 Aug 45 Major Newton, D QM, returned from inspection of Clothing and Equipment Depots in N. Italy.

37 23 Aug 45 Ltr. Q/1/29-159 answers War Ministry's letter 217457/II and states that there will be no change in the reduction in the withdrawal of rations for the troops in Sardinia. This 20% reduction compensates for the unauthorised issue of rations in Sardinia.

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38 23 Aug 45 Ltr. Q/1-93 to AFHQ for Q Weint, subj., "Issue of Italian Army Rations to Civilians employed by Dr. Army", states that KASG Units will discontinue the issuing of the actual commodities of the "Italian Element" of the Italian Armed Forces Scale to those civilians. Instructions are requested.

39 23 Aug 45 Ltr. Q/1/15-180 to W/7 covering accounting for issues to Combat Groups.

40 23 Aug 45 AFHQ released necessary stacks of winter underclothing for issue in four packs between 22 Aug and 15 Nov 1945. DOS 14.1 (Ord 1) of 22 Aug.

41 24 Aug 45 Memo to Major Van Kirk concerning issue of excess clothing to the 210 Italian Divisions.

42 24 Aug 45 Ltr. Q/1/29-172 to W/7 regarding "Recovery of Lost Rations" to Italian Army through theft, loss or unauthorised issues. Ministry of War requesting that

Q/16 War Ministry
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40 23 Aug 45
 AFHQ released necessary stock of winter undersclothing for issue in four packs between 22 Aug and 15 Nov 1945. (Ord 1) of 27 Aug.

- 41 24 Aug 45 Memo to Major Van Kirk concerning issue of excess clothing to the 210 Italian Divisions.
- 42 24 Aug 45 Ltr. Q/1/29-172 to W/W regarding "recovery of Lost Nations" to Italian Army through theft, loss or unauthorized issues. Ministry of War requesting that location be added to P.M. no when addressing official mail to United. Agreed by this H.Q. Q/16 War Ministry letter 9/13492/30 Serv. dated 29 Aug 45 Q/16 att'd 27 Aug 45
- 43 25 Aug 45 Confirmed with Col. Nabilssi on arrangements for reception of 2,000 tons of GUM from PBS consigned to Italian War Ministry. Included in the consignment is approximately 300,000 metres of cloth of various kinds and quality. 2318
- 44 25 Aug 45 Vehicles releases. Ref 15 Sept/45 Vehicle releases notes with only be valid for 29 days from the date on which they were prepared. Q/5/B dated 25 Aug War Ministry
- 45 25 Aug 45 Ref 2359 B hours 31 Aug 45 Mediterranean Air Transport Services ceases to exist as an Allied Organization and will thereafter be subject solely to United States Command. AFHQ General Order No. 15 dated 25 Aug

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45	25 Aug 45	Letter from General Browning to the Ministry of War acknowledging measures taken by the Ministry of War to raise the standard of maintenance and informing them of the proposal which will be submitted for the reorganization of Italian repair services.	O/5 dated 25 Aug 45
47	26 Aug 45	Ministry of War proposals for Clothing and Repair Depots throughout Italy approved by D.M.C.	---
48	27 Aug 45	The Italian Government agreed (through Public Safety Sub Comm. AC) that Gambinieri would be issued with green battle-dress in replacement of their own uniforms, where stocks of the latter were not available. This will only apply to the Florence Legion (11,000).	O/OS/19/5 of 28 Aug.
49	28 Aug 45	120 tons of winter clothing ex 228 Div. to be cleaned and repaired at Itri-Isti repair installations in MOLISE to save time and transportation to S.M.I.	O/OS/11/5 of 28 Aug.
50	28 Aug.	Signal Q-554 to various HQ's requesting report of all captured enemy materials for period 1 July -	---

- replacement of their own uniforms, where stocks of the latter were not available. This will only apply to the Florence Region (10,000).
- 49 28 Aug 45 120 tons of winter clothing ex 220 Dir. to be cleaned and repaired at Iti-Iti repair installations in BOLICINI to save time and transportation to EARI. 2/28/45 of 28 Aug.
- 50 28 Aug. Signal Q-354 to various LO's requesting report of all captured enemy materials for period 1 May - 31 August. 2317
- 51 28 Aug 45 Letter to 2700 informing them of 1100 horses for CCRP and 2500 mules for Animal Pack Transport Groups as future Italian Army requirements. 2/18/45 dated 18 Aug.
- 52 28 Aug 45 Letter to Ministry of War authorizing the establishment of 25 Remount Depot at Pinerolo. 3/19/2 dated 8 Aug 45
- 53 28 Aug 45 Letter to Ministry of War informing them that they may take possession of the Chemical Material Depot at Tarquinia. 2/24 dated 28 Aug
- 54 29 Aug 45 Letter to AG Command Sub Comm. requesting that owing to the critical state of tyre availability for the Italian, some assistance be forthcoming from stocks of tyres taken over for the North and under AC control, pending provision from allied sources. 2/3/45 dated 29 Aug 45
- Letter from Finance Sub Comm. C to Chief Legal Advisor re: the sum 2/5/45

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Finance Sub Comm. letter 13089/2 dated 29 Aug 45.

of 5,037,000 Liras which holding "in suspense", this money representing deposits made by Italian firms which supplied Italian Army vehicles and who now have to hand vehicle brok to Ministry of War, as is their property.

55 29 Aug 45 Major MARCEL handed over to Maj. A. J. HAYES (C) on re-assignment of duties and transferred to GI.

56 30 Aug 45 Release of tyres. HQ has released 68 tyres 35x19 for the Italian Army from 35 1/2 tons.

AC Legal Sub Comm. letter to Finance Sub Comm. stating that negotiations have reached end stage at which the Italian Government, while obliged to seize Italian Army vehicles in the hands of civilians or private firms, recognize the right of the private under Italian Law. The amount of money recovered to in 40 Finance Sub Comm. letter 13089/2 dated 29 Aug 45 they can be paid over to War Italian Government.

FIN/3800/5/1(17) dated 30 Aug 45.

13/5/45 AC Legal Sub Comm. letter 13089/2 dated 30 Aug 45.

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Allied Sub Comm.
Letter 2/4/45/1/2
dated 31 Aug 45.

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of money referred to in AC Finance
Sub Comm. Letter 13/5/45 dated 29 Aug
45 may therefore be paid over to the
Italian Government.

Ltr. 2/1/45-18 "Italian Report", submitted
to AUSA listing inventory of vehicles of
U.S. origin in Italian Report.

2/3/45
dated 31 Aug 45

Letter to the Chief Commissioner IC,
ref 153 Italian Army vehicle turned
over by 71 to civilians or "partisans"
in the film. Also requesting that
IC be instructed to burn forthwith
these vehicles over primarily to the
Italian Army in film.

2/3/45
Allied letter to
AC
dated 31 Aug 45

Letter from AUSA with under signature
Andy Velichka. This refers to 10
T-26's captured held by AC Finance
having been requisitioned by AC
and claimed as Italian Military
vehicle. AC Transport Officer claims
that, as they were captured by
the German authorities, they come
under the heading of enemy captured
materiel. This suggests that the
matter be settled between AUSA and
Allied Commission direct.

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<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Letter Referenced</u>
1.1 Aug 45	<p>War Ministry letter informing all Italian H. . concerned that official correspondence of an urgent nature may be sent by air to Terr. H. . Milan, Turin and Bologna. It also lays down procedure to be adopted.</p>	<p>War Ministry letter 2/11668/301/3errv. dated 1 Aug 45.</p>
2.2 Aug 45.	<p><u>Administration DM 802 Orvieto.</u> <u>In accordance with A.P.H.O. MG 091.711/051 (XIV-c)</u> Dated 26 June 45 the Italian Pass Re-Organisation Dept at Orvieto is to become a re-organisation centre for Italian Army units and units for disbandment will be sent to Orvieto where personnel and equipment will be disposed of.</p>	<p>0/8 dated 2 Aug 45 to H.O. 4 District.</p>
3.3 Aug 45	<p>Letter to the Ministry directing that all captured vehicles formerly the property of the Italian Army should follow the same lines as in the cases of other War Ministry property.</p>	<p>0/18/2 of 3 Aug 45. to War Ministry.</p>
4.4 Aug 45	<p><u>Issue of P.O.L. to IR-III and IS-III Units.</u> <u>Allied H.Qs. informed that all war vehicles of vehicles belonging to IR-III and IS-III units must be endorsed entitled to Army P.O.L. from Allied Military Services and signed by the responsible Allied officer, or Unit commanding the journey. Failure to do this will result in vehicles being unable to obtain P.O.L. as Allied formations of individuals not directly concerned with the operations of the units involved will not be in a position to make the necessary endorsement.</u></p>	<p>0/22 dated 4 Aug 45.</p>
5. 6 Aug 45	<p>Ministry of War requested to forward 40 Army Regt. personnel in Germany and post all personnel to 14 Terrans Divs.</p>	<p>0/5 dated 6 Aug 45.</p>
6. 8 Aug 45	<p>The proposal made to the Combined Chief of Staff</p>	<p>0/5/9 2315</p>

0/22 dated 4 Aug 45.

4. 4 Aug 45 Letter of P.O.L. to BR-III and BR-IV Units.
 Allied H.Q. informed that all work tickets of vehicles belonging to BR-III and BR-IV units must be endorsed "entitled to drive H.Q.L. from Allied Military Sources" and signed by the responsible Allied officer, or limit sponsoring the journey. Failure to do this will result in vehicles being unable to obtain P.O.L. as Allied Permits of individuals not directly concerned with the operation of the units involved will not be in a position to make the necessary endorsement.

5. 6 Aug 45 Ministry of War requested to liberate 40 Arty Regt. operating in Ardania and set all personnel to 14, Desobryns Units.

6. 8 Aug 45 The proposal made to the Combined Chief of Staff to transfer tyres and tubes from British and U.S. Theatre stocks to the Italian Army has not received favourable consideration. Italian Army requirements will not be satisfied with requirements for the Italian Army economy. Materials furnished to meet civilian needs for manufacture or repair of tyres and tubes are not to be used by Italian Army. The source of supply for Army requirements will be indicated when decisions are reached on the responsibility for supply of the Italian Army.

7. 11 Aug 45 Letter from Office of the High Officer, Italy and Liaison Group to Transportation Sub Committee informing them of arrangements made for the conveyance of displaced persons and Italian Service Personnel in "B" class Italian ships.

8. 11 Aug 45 The Ministry letter to your H.Q. stating that instructions issued regarding the use of tin screen labels are not being carried out. G.O.S. concerned are informed that this disobedience shows entire lack of discipline and might prejudice or cause the Allied collaboration to be withdrawn from the Italian authorities in the reorganization of military transport. Severe disciplinary action will be taken in future against anyone not obeying these instructions.

0/5 dated 6 Aug 45.

0/5/9 2315
 AFHQ letter
 AG. 306.3/163 002-0
 dated 8 Aug to
 MATA.

0/14/5
 P.O.L. letter
 10/2/7 dated
 14 Aug 45.

War Ministry
 letter
 5/8/89/3877 dated
 11 Aug 45.

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San Transport Berlin.
 Ministry of War informed that arrangements have been made with Navy Sub Commission and the Regia Marina for a destroyer to make five round trips a month between Naples and Cagliari for the conveyance of Italian Military personnel under the following categories.

5/14/5
 dated 11 Aug 45.

- (a) Personnel possessing on duty specifically authorized by orders in their possession to travel on this destroyer.
- (b) Leave personnel with leave authority as in (a)
- (c) Personnel of the present Army who have been disabled and who have leave authority as in (a)

This is in addition to the S.S. Slovenia and Carolloglio already mentioned.

10 15 Aug 45

Accommodation - German Surrendered Personnel.
 Letter to I.Os. informing them of the policy laid down in A.M.H.O. letter AG 386.2/102-0 dated 8 Aug, regarding accommodation. German Units may occupy accommodation which has formerly been occupied by Allied or Italian Units, provided that the local commander is satisfied that such accommodation can be adequately guarded. If existing accommodation is not available, German Units will be accommodated in temporary camp. No buildings, etc. will be specially requisitioned for German

0/12/5 dated 15 Aug 45.

10 15 Aug 45

Accommodation - German Surrendered in Terminal.
Letter to L. Co. Arranging them of this policy
laid down in A.P.N.O. letter # 386, 5/4/45-0
dated 8 Aug, regarding accommodation.

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has formerly been occupied by Allied or Italian
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troops.

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Serial No.	Date.	Subject	Letter reference
27	19 July 45	<u>Italian Military Postal Service.</u> Letter from AFHQ forwarding copy of letter from P.M. 3400 to 15 S.A.P.O.. AFHQ request comments and recommendations on any proposed alterations to existing services.	/16 AFHQ letter AFHQ/2410/Q (Maint) dated 19 July
28	20 July 45	<u>Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles.</u> AFHQ IS H. ITALY informed that all Italian 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.	Q/5/10 dated 20 July.
29	20 July 45	<u>Ital an Postal Service.</u> AFHQ informed that wef 15 July the Italian Military Postal Services no longer require the assistance of Br.Army Postal Services.	Q/16 dated 20 July.
30	20 July 45	<u>C.C.R.R. Transport.</u> Request from Ministry of War for assignment of Armoured Vehicles to C.C.R.R. legions and for the vehicles to be equipped with armaments.	Q/5/7 Ministry of War letter 6/7307 dated 20 July.
31	21 July 45	<u>Italian Army Postal Services.</u> Ministry of War asked for a report on the Road Delivery Service inaugurated on 15 July for the Italian Army Postal Services.	Q/16 dated 21 July.
32	21 July 45	<u>Royal Arsenal TURIN.</u> Letter to Ministry of War and Industry S.C. stating that the Ministry of War welcome the proposal to re-activate the TURIN Arsenal.	Q/21 dated 21 July 45.

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- 30 20 July 45 C.C.R.M. Transport.
Request from Ministry of War for assignment of Armored Vehicles to G. RR Legions and for the vehicles to be equipped with armaments.
- 31 24 July 45 Italian Army Postal Services.
Ministry of War asked for a report on the Road Delivery Service inaugurated on 15 July for the Italian Army Postal Services.
- 32 21 July 45 Royal Arsenal, TURIN.
Letter to Ministry of War and Industry S.C. stating that the Ministry of War welcome the proposal to re-activate the TURIN Arsenal. The project was to form part of the plan for the control of manufacture and sale of Industrial Products of Northern Italy.
- 33 22 July 45 Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles.
A.F.H.Q. state that Italian Military vehicles in Vehicle Parks awaiting repair to be handed over to MIA, - civilian vehicles to Allied Commission. Arrangements as to collection to be made mutually between Allied Commission and M.M.I.A.
- 34 23 July 45 Conservation of Electric Power.
Ministry of War requested to issue instructions to all Italian Army units that lighting restrictions as outlined in AFHQ letter AG.657/047/1(Maint)-0 dated 7 July will be complied with.

20 July.

2/27
Ministry of War
letter 6/7307
dated 20 July.

2/16 dated
21 July.

2/21 dated
24 July 45.
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2/5/10.
AFHQ Signal
PX 26569
dated 22 July.

2/24 dated
23 July.

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Serial No.	Date	Subject	Letter reference
35	23 July 45	<u>Military Personnel proceeding to SARDINIA.</u> Letter from the Italian Minister for War to General Browning pointing out the difficulty of shipping Italian Military personnel to Sardinia owing to the inadequacy of shipping space and requesting that consideration be given to his request of allotting two Italian Steamships of a tonnage suitable to convey about 5000 men war between NAPLES - CAGLIARI and return route. The concession of such a vessel, which would be able to make the voyage once a week would assure all Military traffic (leave personnel, discharged personnel, service journeys, and a considerable quota of ex POWs) and will permit the freeing for civilian use of the 200 berths at present reserved for Military personnel on the "ARBACCELIA" and "CAMPICOLIO"	Ministry of War letter 216145/11 223.4.1 dated 23 July. Q/14/3
36	26 July 45	<u>Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.</u> Letter to Ministry of War and all MIA LO's regarding disposal by Allied Authorities of captured German vehicles. Vehicles identified as of Italian Army origin will be returned to War Ministry through MIA. If doubt arises as to whether an Italian vehicle is military or civilian, such vehicle will be turned over to MIA, who will determine ownership and allocation in conjunction with A.C.	Q/5/10 dated 26 July
37	26 July	<u>Accommodation - German POWs.</u> Request from 54 Area, received through MIA LO, for use of Italian Army Barracks at BARI by German POWs. MIA LO Bari informed that this is contrary to policy expressed in AFHQ letter 386.3/163 LAG-0 dated 7 July 45 which states that unaccommodated German forces will be accommodated	Q/12/9 dated 26 July. 9942

regarding disposal by Allied authorities of captured German vehicles. Vehicles identified as of Italian Army origin will be returned to War Ministry through MMIA. If doubt arises as to whether an Italian vehicle is military or civilian, such vehicles will be turned over to MMIA, who will determine ownership and allocation in conjunction with A.C.

37 26 July

Accommodation - German POWs.

Request from 54 Area, received through MMIA LO, for use of Italian Army Barracks at BARI by German POWs. MMIA LO Bari informed that this is contrary to policy expressed in AFHQ letter 386.5/163 LOG-C dated 7 July 45 which states that surrendered enemy forces will be accommodated under field conditions.

2/12/9 dated
26 July.

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I.I. - Tyres and Spare Parts.

Following representation made by MMIA on behalf of the Italian Army to AFHQ and to A.C., the release to MMIA of captured stocks of Italian tyres was authorized. Moreover, certain stocks of tyres and repair facilities should have been put at the disposal of the Italian Army. As to date no appreciable number of tyres has been received, AFHQ have been requested that (a) immediate issue should be approved for Allied tyres as per arrangements, (b) a proportion (25%) of tyres now under A.C. control be allocated to the Italian Army, (c) a proportion of repair facilities, now the monopoly of A.C. be made immediately available to the Italian Army.

2/1/9
dated 29 July

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Letter
ReferencesQ/10
dated
30 July

Subject

Serial No. Date

39 30 July 45 Unauthorized Army Vehicles.
 Letter from General Browning to Minister for War informing him that numerous Italian Army vehicles are still freely circulating without windscreen labels in the area south of the ARNO river. This is contrary to instructions issued. The effect of the Allies in assisting the re-organization of the Army transport system is dependent upon full and active co-operation of all the agencies of the Italian Government. Provision of tyres and petrol by import will be dependent on the assumption 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 the Ministry of War, and unless positive action is taken without further delay, Allied assistance will be severely prejudiced, if not withdrawn.

Q/5/11.
F BLO letter
AQ/17/1100
dated 31 July.

British M.T.
 Letter from F BLO to HQ BAC reporting that discipline with regard to British transport with Italian troops has improved and enclosing an Order issued by General VESPI covering control of transport and petrol consumption.

Military ~~personnel~~ personnel proceeding to SARDINIA.
 Letter from General Browning to Italian Minister for War in answer to his request for better facilities to ship Italian Military personnel to SARDINIA. MIA is concerned with only the following classes of personnel of the present Armed Forces. (1) Personnel travelling on duty, (2) Personnel travelling on authorised leave, (3) Personnel of Army who have been demobilised.

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dated 31 July.

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 British M.E.
 Letter from Y BLM to HQ RAAC reporting that discipline with regard to British transport with Italian troops has improved and enclosing an Order issued by General VACCHI covering control of transport and petrol consumption.

✓5/11.
 P BLM letter
 HQ/17/4100
 dated 31 July.

41 31 July 45
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 Letter from General Browning to Italian Minister for War in answer to his request for better facilities to ship Italian Military personnel to SARDINIA. MIA is concerned with only the following classes of personnel of the present Armed Forces. (1) Personnel travelling on duty, (2) personnel travelling on authorised leave, (3) personnel of the present Army who have been ~~struck out~~ disabled in accordance with present orders, and who are returning to their homes in SARDINIA, such personnel being in possession of proper demobilization papers. All other people, including ex POWs who have not been enrolled in the present Army, and repatriates, are handled by the Civil Government and transport for them is no concern of the War Ministry and MIA.

5/14/3
 dated 31 July

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42 31 July 45
 Italian Army Transport.
 Letter to Ministry of War informing them that in future disposal of surplus or obsolete vehicles certified by MIA as not required for the Army, will be at the discretion of the Ministry of War.

✓5 dated
 31 July

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<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Letter Reference.</u>
1	1 July 45	<u>Mapocol Italian Army Animals.</u> With the disbandment of US-III Rock Transport Coy 5 Army handed over all animals and equipment to P.B.S. at San Martino for disposal. British Army took 2542 and the remainder were delivered to War Ministry and Agricultural Sub Commission.	Q/10/2 AFHQ Signal FK.15659 dated 1 July 45 addressed to CG 5 Army CG Reference MATA
2	2 July 45	Ministry of War Letter giving plan for the Military Postal Service which is to operate with effect from 15 July. In order that the Italian Military Postal Service no longer has to rely on Allied facilities, 15 vehicles have been temporarily loaned to the Postal Service for the delivery of Italian Army mail. With such vehicles the Italian Army is able to deliver mail without relying on the Allied delivery service.	Q/16 Min. of War letter 9/11056/30/serv dated 2 July 45.
3	2 July 45.	<u>Recovery Italian Army Military Vehicles.</u> Further to previous correspondence for the recovery of Italian Army vehicles in the hands of civilian firms, all non-returning Italian Army vehicles <u>will</u> be reported to Dr. Bruno Ravano, Roads Division, Transportation Sub Commission immediately. Major Hall M.M.I.A., will arrange for the collection of these vehicles as soon as location known.	Q/5/10 A.C. Transportation Sub-Comm. letter AC/349/M 5 dated 2 July 45 to the civilian firms concerned.
4	2 July 45	<u>Recovery of Italian Military Vehicles.</u> Civil Affairs Sub Commission A.C. letter stating that during the period June 1944 AMG Region 4 entered into certain contracts with motor firms in and around Rome, the chief fact of which was that the firms	Q/5/10 A.C. Civil Affairs Section letter AC/4122/A/L dated 2 July to V.P. Economic Section. A.C.

3 2 July 45.

Recovery Italian Army Military Vehicles.
Further to previous correspondence for the recovery of Italian Army vehicles in the hands of civilian firms, all non-running Italian Army vehicles ~~were~~ be reported to Dr. Bruno Marsano, Roads Division, Transportation Sub Commission immediately. Major Hall M.M.I.A., will arrange for the collection of these vehicles as soon as location known.

Q/5/10
A.C. Transportation
Sub-Comm. letter
AC/349/In 5 dated
2 July 45 to the
civilian firms
concerned.

4 2 July 45

Recovery of Italian Military Vehicles.
Civil Affairs Sub Commission A.C. letter stating that during the period June 1944 AMG Region 4 entered into certain contracts with motor firms in and around Rome, the chief fact of which was that the firms concerned were to salvage and repair a number of vehicles originally the property of the Italian Army, but abandoned by the Germans in their retreat from Rome, and lying in the countryside in a derelict condition. The firms concerned alleged that the orders are illegal since Allied Commission, not having at the time jurisdiction to issue such orders, and that in fact the firms had good title to these vehicles. Civil Affairs Section request that the orders for the recovery of the 110 vehicles be withdrawn pending further consideration of this matter by the Chief Commissioner.

Q/5/10
A.C. Civil Affairs
Section letter
AC/4122/1/L
dated 2 July to
V.P. Romano
Section. A.C.

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5 3 July 45

In accordance with A.P.H.G. instruction reference disposal Italian Army Mules, a meeting has been arranged at Mirandola for representative from War Ministry, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and Agriculture Sub Comm, under the chairmanship of Major Van Kirk, to organise and decide number of mules to be disposed of. War Ministry is to arrange for the disposal of mules selected for Italian Army. Agriculture Sub Commission to dispose of mules selected for agriculture. This to be completed on or about 2 July.

Q/48/2
dated
3 July 45.

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<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Letter Reference.</u>
6	4 July 45	Official Mail for Air Corps. Ministry of War informed that A.C. Air Service from ROSE to MILAN, TURIN, BOLZANO, or BRESCIA is available for delivery of Italian official military mail up to 25 Eggs in weight.	Q/16 dated 4 July 45.
7	4 July 45	58 Via Vasco Navale allocated to Scuola Ciarpaglioni has been released to the Ministry of War.	Q/12/7 dated 4 July 45.
8	4 July 45.	Ministry of War is requested to forward list of vehicle distinguishing markings for the various armies and services and formations of the Italian Army.	Q/5 dated 4 July 45.
9	4 July 45	Letter to M.H.A. I.C. N.F. Italy requesting him to take action for the recovery of 24 Italian Army lorries serving in Varese Area, having been used by the Displaced Persons Sub Commission A.C. to convey refugees from Switzerland to Italy.	Q/5/10 4 July 45.
10	6 July 45.	A.F.H.C. request information on tires and tube stocks in Michelin and Pirelli plants in Milan and Turin.	Q/5/9 I.R. AFHQ Signal WZ.180/4 to 5 Army dated 6 July 1945.

11 6 July 1945 Letter to Ministry of War in answer to question raised by them regarding

Q/5/10 dated

trains arriving in Varese Area, having been used by the Displaced Persons Sub Commission A.C. to convey refugees from Switzerland to Italy.

9/5/9
AFHQ Signal
EX.18044 to 5 Army
dated 6 July 1945.

10 6 July 45.

Letter to Ministry of War in answer to question raised by them regarding recovery of Italian Army property in BOLOGNA and BOZANO Territorial Commands, and their request for assistance in dealing with local Allied Commission and AMG officials. Ministry of War attention is directed to this HQ letter SD/34 dated 29 June 45 where the object of forming Territorial HQs is clearly defined. Ministry of War is requested to submit not less frequently than once a week a report on the recovery and reemployment of army material especially transport vehicles.

11 6 July 1945

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9/5/9 dated
7 July 45.

12 7 July 1945

Letter to Ministry of War outlining procedure to be adopted for the disposal of German or Italian ammunition. Small quantities of loose ammunition will be disposed of by the Ministry of War, with the M.M.I.A. I.C. authority. Small dumps of 500 tons or less will be destroyed by the most suitable means by German personnel under allied supervision. As regards dumps in excess of 500 tons, Allied instructions will be given covering disposal. No ammunition will be destroyed by any civilian firm.

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<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Letter Reference.</u>
13	7 July 45	Security Forces (A.S.Vs.) In order that the GUR may carry out their police duties an internal security duties with the maximum of efficiency, 140 Italian Light Tanks shipped from Savona to the mainland and in store at Naples, are released to the Ministry of War.	Q/5/8 dated AFIR letter AG/470.8/211GCT-0 dated 7 July 45 to Chief Comm AG and M.M.I.A.
14	7 July 45	Economic Section A.C. has instructed Transportation Sub Commission to withdraw orders for the turnback of vehicles referred to in Civil Affairs letter AG/4122/1/4 of 2 July 1945.	Economic Sect. A.C. letter 5.10/ES of 7 July 45 to Civil Affairs A.C.
15	7 July 45 .	Minister for War is informed that the 110 vehicles in the possession of civilian firms will be repossessed by Italian Army regardless of contracts , contracts, permits or other documents signed by Allied officers which are null and void. No Allied officers are authorized to interfere in any way with the recovery of such vehicles. The Ministry of War is in no way responsible for any claims which the civilians may have in connection with these vehicles. All M.M.I.A. letters in conflict with this letter are rescinded.	Q/5/10 dated 7 July 45.
16	7 July 45.	Letter from Chief Commissioner A.C. informing this HQ that the War Ministry are at liberty to repossess Italian Army vehicles in the hands of civilian contractors as directed by AFIR circular No. 5 of 1945.	Q/5/10 Chief Comm A.C. letter BMS/1ajp of 7 July 45 to M.M.I.A.

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16 7 July 45.

Letter from Chief Commissioner A.C. informing this HQ that the War Ministry are at liberty to repossess Italian Army vehicles in the hands of civilian contractors as directed by AFM circular No. 5 of 1945.

0/5/40
Chief Comm A.C.
letter EWS/fjpp
of 7 July 45 to
M.M.I.A.

17 9 July 1945

Plan for control of the manufacture and sale of industrial products, Northern Italy.

In order to have a uniform plan put into effect for all the regions of Northern Italy under the jurisdiction of Allied Military Governments, except Venesia Giulia region, there will be set up by Industry Northern Italy and recognised by Allied Military Government Industrial Committees representing the various segments of industry. On each committee will be persons representing the plants of the various regions under Allied Military Governments. Briefly the functions of these committees will be to survey the existing productive units, the nature of the product to be produced and recommend the closing of unproductive or uneconomical plants, or parts of plants to recommend the allocation of raw materials, supervision and control the flow of raw materials, and to recommend to the Northern Italy Prices Fixing Board the raw materials upon which prices should be fixed. There will also be established a Northern Italy Industrial Council President, which will be designated by the Italian Government.

0/24 2308
HQ A.C. Office of
the Chief Comm.
Policy letter
dated 9 July 45
Address to
Regional Comms,
Armies, Districts,
and Sub-
Commissions.

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M A R D I A R Y

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Letter Reference.
Transportation Sub-
Commission letter
to Regional Comm.
Lombardia Region.
REF AC/58/16/Tn 5
dated 10 July 45.

Subject

Transportation Sub Commission have again stressed to the Regional Commissioner Lombardian Region that no Italian Army or German Army equipment can be released to private individuals. No objection is raised to representatives of civilian firms holding such visiting Parks, in order to identify their vehicles. On identification of vehicles the responsibility of authorizing release rests with the Army authorities concerned. Provided ownership is proved their appeared to be no objection to vehicles in this category being handed back to their owners.

Responsibility for the custody of Austrian and Hungarian property.

The Allied Financial Agency of Finance Sub Commission A.C. shall have exclusive responsibility for the custody and control of all monies, bank accounts, securities, gold and other valuables whereover found in areas under A.M.G. if considered by Allied Financial Agency to be property of the German State. This provision is now extended to both Austrian and Hungarian property.

The Minister for War is requested by General Browning to issue immediate orders to all concerned to see that the vehicle maintenance is improved forthwith. In spite of extensive assistance given by British personnel and instructions on the British system of maintenance having been distributed ~~to them~~, maintenance has been made to carry

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Date.
10 July 45

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10 July 45

Q/95
Finance Sub Comm
letter 13074/F
dated 10 July 45
to regions, and
sub commissions.

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Q/5/12 dated
12 July 45.

The Allied Financial Agency or Finance Sub Commission A.C. shall have exclusive responsibility for the custody and control of all monies, bank accounts, securities, gold and other valuables whatsoever found in areas under A.M.G. if considered by Allied Financial Agency to be property of the German State. This provision is now extended to both Austrian and Hungarian property.

20 12 July 45

The Minister for War is requested by General Browning to issue immediate orders to all concerned to see that the vehicle maintenance is improved forthwith. In spite of extensive assistance given by British personnel and instructions on the British system of maintenance having been distributed ~~in~~ in Italian, no effort has been made to carry out properly maintenance of vehicles with the result that too large a number of vehicles are not efficient.

21 14 July 45

Letter to all H.M.I.A. L.Os and all B.I.Us. Q/22 dated 14 July 45. It is reported that Italian drivers of vehicles belonging to BP-ITVI formations are obtaining Allied petrol in excess of their operational requirements, selling the balance in the Black Market. In order to prevent this abuse, all officers to whom authority has been delegated to enforce work tickets must check and record mileage and P.O.L. drawn which should be entered on the work ticket for every journey performed. By cases in which P.O.L. consumption appears excessive must be investigated and any case in which it looks likely that P.O.L. is being passed into the Black Market must be reported to the appropriate formation.

22 16 July 45

MMI Reports. Inspection of 152 Driving School and 3rd Transport Unit Workshops revealed that maintenance of vehicles was well below standard required. In view of this, reports are forwarded to the Ministry of War, for information and action.

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JULYW A R D I A R YQ.2.Letter Reference.

Serial No.
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Date.
17 July 45.

Subject:

Standard of Vehicle Maintenance within the Italian Group. As this remains very low and in spite of repeated warnings to improve it, maintenance of vehicles within Italian Group is still inadequate. As result AMR is ordering the District concerned to withdraw a proportion of vehicles, artillery equipment, of all Group into vehicle and Gun Parks. These vehicles will possibly be re-issued at a later date if required, and if in the meantime a satisfactory standard of maintenance has been achieved.

Q/5/41
AMR signal
EX 23957 dated
17 July to
1 District
2 District.

24. 18 July 45

Telephonic message from Major Edwards MIA
NAME officer with reference to the recovery
and reorganization of transport facilities
in Northern Italy.

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25 17 July 45

As already agreed on, Agriculture Sub
Commission were to ~~have~~ disposed of miles
selected for agriculture. As no provision
has been made by the State for disposal,
Agriculture Sub Commission are informed
that in case they could dispose of 500 miles
turned over to them on the 7 July for
agriculture purposes by the 21 July 45
War Ministry would be instructed to dispose
of them to civilians without reference to
any other Ministry or Italian Government.

Q/48/2
17 July 45.

26 18 July 45

HQ Allied Commission is ~~not~~ requested to issue
adequate instructions ~~not~~ to ALCCM
officers in the field to prevent further
unwarranted interference with duly authorized
Italian Army units. Information had been

Q/5/40
dated 18 July 45.

Information is interfering

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26 18 July 45

HQ Allied Commission is ~~being~~ requested to issue adequate instructions ~~to~~ to ALLIED officers in the field to prevent further unwarranted interference with duly authorized Italian Army units. Information had been received that a provincial officer is interfering with Italian Army Recovery Commission No. 21 in their collection of Italian Army Vehicles, and is attempting to issue orders to the Recovery Commission and inciting civilians to resist the Commission.

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Subject: Maintenance of Motor Transport.

Head Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(H. M. I. A.) HOME
Q/5

1-7 July 1945

1. The att letter has been sent to the War Ministry. The G.O.C. wishes all MIA LO's to continue to lay special emphasis on this subject when visiting all Italian HQ's and units.
2. You should explain to Senior HQ's such as Territorial or Adv Divs that you have received such orders and that instances where it is not being carried out will be reported by you to this HQ. Action on your reports will be taken by this HQ direct with the War Ministry with a view to exemplary disciplinary action.

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F. J. Roames
F. J. ROAMES, Col.
B.Q.M.G.
M. H. I. A.

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Subject: Maintenance of Motor Transport.

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

12 July 1945

To: The Minister for War.

Your Excellency,

1. I have many times in the past drawn your attention to the vital importance of adequate MP maintenance. Whenever I, or my staff, visit Italian headquarters from Territorial HQ's downwards we examine and impress this on all officers. Nevertheless we still have the distinct impression that the Italian Army is not fully aware of the gravity and urgency of the situation and I regret to inform you that I consider this present situation is due to sheer idleness and ignorance on the part of both officers and men.
2. Very extensive assistance has been given by British personnel and instructions on the British system of maintenance have been distributed in Italian, but no effort is made to carry them out.
3. If adequate maintenance is not carried out there will not be sufficient vehs for the Italian Army to carry out its tasks, which will entail provision of vehs by the Allies. You will appreciate that all possible Allied equipment is required for the prosecution of the war with Japan and for world reconstruction. The deplorable maintenance of equipment is thus in fact tantamount to sabotage against the United Nations.
4. I must again demand that you issue immediate orders on this subject, making it quite clear that those who do not carry out their duty will receive exemplary punishment including even dismissal from the service and see that the orders are carried out.
5. I require a copy of your orders for the information of the Supreme Allied Comd.

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(Sgd) L. BROMBERG
Major General,
M.N.I.A.

WAR DIARYJUNEQ.2.

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Letter Reference.</u>
11	14 June 1945	<u>Italian Military Hospitals in Northern Italy.</u> Letter to Ministry of War. That the Allied Authorities consider necessary the temporary occupation of the Baggio Hospital in Milan, which is in excess of the requirements of the Italian Army. These have been met by the Bando Nere Hospital. Arrangements can be made with local Allied officers for the safe storage of movable equipment.	Q/12/15
12	15 June 1945	<u>Recovery and Assignment of Italian Army Vehicles in the North.</u> Owing to the impending formation of Nos. 1, 4, and 5 Admin. Tpt. Coy., revised instructions are issued to Ministry of War, showing units to which recovered vehicles will be assigned. Meanwhile any vehicles recovered in the BOLZANO and UDINE territories may be retained by these two territorial commands, and held in the names of Nos. 4 and 5 Admin. Tpt. Coy. respectively. Ministry of War to forward lists showing targa Nos. of such vehicles as soon as possible and to keep this H.Q. informed of the progress made in receiving such vehicles.	Q/5
13	18 June 1945	<u>Captured Italian M.T. Spares.</u> Signal to Rear 5 Army, Rear 8 Army, Distone Distwo. All captured stocks of Italian military M.T. spares including tyres not required for maintenance of vehicles under control of addressees to be handed over to M.M.I.A. as soon as M.M.I.A. can accept.	Q/5/9 Army Signal PX 94678 of 17 June 45.
14	21 June 1945	Letter to War Ministry indicating the manner in which Italian Military Vehicles serviceable or unserviceable, in possession of the U.S. Army Air Corps, are to be recovered.	Q/5/10

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Q/5/10

14 21 June 1945

Letter to War Ministry indicating the manner
in which Italian Military Vehicles serviceable
or unserviceable, in possession of the U.S.
Army Air Force, are to be recovered.

F 96701
dated 21 June 45.
Q/5/10 (24)

15 21 June 1945

A.F.H.O. signal deciding that all captured
Italian Army vehicles are to be handed to
M.M.I.A. and all captured Italian civilian
vehicles to AC/AMG.

AG386.3/163 LOG-O
dated 22 June 45.
Q/95

16 22 June 1945

Letter from A.F.H.O. indicating the manner
of dealing with captured and/or surrendered
enemy war material in Italy.

Q/16 dated
24 June (285)

17 24 June 1945

Italian Army Postal Service.
Ministry of War informed that approval given
for the formation of a Base P.O. at BOLOGNA.
As postal censorship has now been lifted
except for certain areas on the Northern
frontiers of Italy, with effect from 8 July,
Allied censorship at Rome and Naples is to
cease and Base Censor offices 7 and 9 will be
closed. All mail requiring censorship to
pass through Allied Censorship Control Offices.

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<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Letter Reference.</u>
18	25 June 1945	A.F.H.Q. letter giving information as to Italian Army Mail that can be accepted by British and American S.P.S. A.F.H.Q. raises no objection to Italian Postal Service operating the mail delivery service outlined in Q/16 of 31 May. As there is no U.S. Army installation at BOLOGNA, mail there can only be accepted by A.P.S. (3e)	AFHQ/2410/Q(maint- dated 24 June 1945 (287)
19	25 June 1945	A.F.H.Q. letter giving authority for Italian Army mail to pass through A.S.S.C. for censorship, outlining procedure to be adopted.	AFHQ CCB/5110/552 dated 25 June (288)
20	27 June 1945	Letter to all L.Co. and Transport Control Officers informing them of transport, recovery and repair facilities available to the Territorial Command, and as to the procedure for the recovery and disposal of vehicles and spare parts. Future P.C.L. facilities and procedure to obtain petrol, and information about availability of tyres is also included. All concerned are to be informed on the need of strict economy and the continuance of a reduced scale of authorised vehicles, as large number of Allied vehicles have still to be replaced.	Q/5 (503)
21	30 June 1945	<u>Supply of British Vehicles and M.T. Spares to RE-ITI Units.</u> A.F.H.Q. letter confirming that the replacement of vehicles and spare parts for RE-ITI Service troops is still a British responsibility; but that an investigation is now being made with a view to determining whether it will be possible for M.V.I.A. to maintain RE-ITI units in transport as well as other items of equipment.	Q/5 AFHQ/8153/2/ O (A3) dated 28 June 1945.

- 21 30 June 1945
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- 22 30 June 1945
 Reference Ser:12 dated 25 May 45. Further discussion with In. Sub Comm A.C. and Legal Sub Comm. re compensation civilian firms operating the transport. Agreed no concern of M.M.I.A. or War Ministry. Instructions to Civilian Firms to return these vehicles confirmed.

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AFH/8159/2/
Q (AE) dated
28 June 1945.AC/349/In.5
dated
30 June 45 (41)

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Richard Long
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WAR DIARYJUNE

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Letter Reference</u>
1.	1 June	<p><u>Italian Postal Services</u> H.Q. 5th and 8th Armies, all Districts and all MMIA H.Q.'s, informed regarding the proposed reorganisation of the Italian Military Postal Service. The War Ministry to operate 3 principal Post Offices at Rome, Naples, and Bologna and to utilise to a far greater extent the civil Postal system. As a temporary measure the Army to operate its own delivery service N.E. and N.W. of Bologna.</p>	Q/16 - 1 June (275)
2.	1 June	<p><u>Captured Enemy Material.</u> H.Q.'s M.T.O.U.S.A. issued a policy letter to C.G. Fifth Army concerning the disposal of captured and surrendered enemy material. Revised Italian Army arms and ammunition to be safe-guarded and disposal instructions to be obtained from M.T.O.U.S.A. Lists, General and special, policy directives issued by A.P.H.Q. and M.T.O.U.S.A. concerning C.I.M.</p>	A.G. 400.92/156 D -0 31 May 45 Q/95 (33)

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SD/10/2 - 5 June
Q/92 (145)

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3. 2 June Italian Army Transport
In order to control civilian staff in Workshops to be operated by War Ministry for repair of Italian Army Vehicles it is necessary to form a supervisory unit consisting of Italian Army officers and O.R.'s, such units to be called "Workshops Directorate". The first of these is required at Bologna and instructions given for this to be formed on the 4 June.

4. 4 June Accommodation
A.C. requested a temporary allocation Italian Army Barracks in Turin as Refugee Centre for Allied nationals. They are giving up in exchange the Barracks Castella Moncalieri. L.O. 2 Dist. informed as matter best settled on the spot.

9.330 - 4 June
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<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Letter Reference</u>
5	5 June	<u>Disposal of Repatriated Military personnel from Balkans.</u> <u>Accommodation of TUKER Camp in-adequate for numbers still arriving from the Balkans.</u> AFHQ anxious to know how many soldiers are to be moved North. Decided no further soldiers required and AFHQ notified that personnel from this Camp should be dispersed to their own homes as civilians.	Q/78 (192) Q.333 A.185 dated 5 June.
6	5 June	<u>Report by A.D.M.S. on his tour of Northern Italy.</u>	Q/12/11 (10)
7	6 June	<u>Italian Army Transport.</u> A.F.H.Q. have signalled Combined Chiefs of Staff regarding the provision of tyres, tubes and repair material for the Italian Army.	P.12 - 6 June Q/55 (48)
8	8 June	<u>Italian Army Transport.</u> Instructions issued by M.T.O.USA regarding the recovery of Italian Army vehicles held by U.S. Army Army Air Corps.	AG 451/770/ D-0 of 3 June addressed to C.C. Army Air Force M.T.O. Q/5/10 (1)
9	9 June	<u>Recovery of Italian Army Property in the North.</u> Minutes published on AFHQ/AFMUSA	Q/95 (34)

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9 Recovery of Italian Army Property in the North.
Minutes published on APHQ/MTUSA conference held at H.Q. 15 Army Group 1430 hours 4 June 45.
Deals with the disposal of captured enemy material and the return to the Italian Army of Italian military transport, tyres, and stores.

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10 9 June Italian Army Horse Transport.
Conference held at M.M.I.A. with War Ministry representatives to discuss future holdings of materials by Italian Army and to prepare for high level conference at a later date. War Ministry estimate some 9,000 animals in addition to those at present held by Iti-Iti units will be required. The disbandment and conversion of existing pack transport ~~units~~ must be the preliminary move to establishing the units required by the War Ministry.

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Q2 War Diary Notes - Period 1 - 9 June 1945.FILE & FOLIO.SUBJECT.DATE.

Friday 1 June.	Letter to 5 Army etc (& to all LOs) ref Italian Military Postal Service; giving lists of Italian Post Offices and locations	Q/16 folio 275.
	Letter to Ministry of War - "Postal Service", enclosing copy of a/m letter	Q/16 folio 276.
	Signal received from 8 Army LO giving authority for Col NOAKES to visit 8 Army Area.	Q/12/11 folio 6/1.
	Signal from AFIRS. RAAC - Ref Michelen Tyre Plant	Q/5/9 folio 43.
	Letter from MTOUSA - Captured Enemy Material - Policy.	Q/95 folio 33.
	Signal from 15 Army Group - Captured Enemy Material Conference at 15 A.G. on 4 June.	Q/95 folio 31.
Saturday 2 June.	Letter to Ministry of War - Italian Army Transport - Seizure of vehicles NOT registered and labelled to be applied to the whole of Southern Italy; including Sicily and Sardinia.	Q/5 folio
	Letter to Industry S.C. - ref tyres released by Mining Div., Sardinia.	Q/5 folio

Formation of Workshops Directorate.

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Saturday
2 June.

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folio

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folio

Formation of Workshops Directorate.
No 1 Workshops Directorate to be formed
in ROME on 4 June.

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folio

Sunday
3 June

Nothing to Report.

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<u>DATE.</u>	<u>SUBJECT.</u>	<u>FILE & FOLIO.</u>
Monday 4 June.	Signal from AFHQ ref Michelin Tyre firm.	Q/5/9 folio 45.
	Signal (Q.330.) to 2 District - AC require CASEMIA CAVOUR, TURIN as Refugee Centre.	Q/12/13 folio 3.
	Conference - 15 Army Group on Captured Enemy Material.	-----
Tuesday 5 June.	<u>Garibaldi</u> - Signal to "F" B.L.U - RAAC making up transport deficiencies.	QOS/40/N folio 11.
	<u>Vehicles Terr HQ No 4.</u> - Signal to 5 Army (Q.334.) - Proposed forming Adm Transport Coy Pd No 4 Terr. HQ.	Q/5/8. folio 45.
	<u>TUZZER CAMP.</u> - Signal to AFHQ ref Personnel at TUZZER - No further military personnel required.	Q/78 folio 192.
	<u>Medical Notes on Northern Italy</u> prepared by A.D.N.S.	Q/12/11. folio 10.
Wednesday 6 June.	Letter from RAAC - Italian Army Accomodation -ROME;	Q/12/7 folio 41.
	Letter from AFHQ dtd 6 June ref Tyres and Tubes - Italian Army.	Q/5/9 folio 48.
	Letter to LO NAPLES - Vehicles	Q/5/8 folio 22,98

TUCKER CAMP. - Signal to AFHQ ref
Personnel at TUCKER - No further military
personnel required.

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folio 10.

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Letter from RAAC - Italian Army
Accommodation -HOME;

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Tyres and Tubes - Italian Army.

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folio 23.98

Letter to IO NAPLES - Vehicles
for IO Admin Transport Coy.

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folio 46.

Letter to RAAC - Ref Deficiencies
in domestic transport.

Thursday
7 June.

Q/5/8
folio 44.

Letter to Air Forces S.C. ref
Request for Vehicles for R. Aeronautica

Q/5/10 (Sub file)
folio 6.

Letter to Rear 8 Army; 1 District,
51 & 56 BLUs - Ref Return of Italian
Army Vehicles from Gruppi.

Friday
8 June.

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folio 404 & 405.

Special Equipment Lists. See letters
to AFHQ.

Q/5/10
folio 3

Letter to AAF/MTO etc., ref unserviceable
Italian Vehicles.

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folio 6

Letter to AFHQ ref Captured Vehicles -
Release of from R.V.F.

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Friday
8 June (contd) Aurelia Barracks CIVITAVECCHIA.
Letter to PBS - Accn required for Q/10
Italian Army due to overcrowding folio 529.
at CESANO.

Saturday
9 June. Letter to Ministry of War - ref Q/12/1
Wire Gauge Netting from Allied folio 262.
Sources.

Received Minutes of Meeting held Q/95
at 15 Army Group on 4 June - Captured folio 34.
Enemy Material.

Minutes - Conference on Horses held Q/18.
at HQ M.M.I.A.

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