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100000|120|2619 ST/373 1, 2+3 GT Coys
Opened Nov 19, 1944 - Closed Feb. 6, 1946
Nov. 1944 - Feb. 1946

PL/1803

1 Nov 45

TAIL UNITS.

W.E.	Unit.	Strength. Offrs.	ORs.	Total.	
ENGRS.					
CM/596/1	1 Fd Pk Coy	5	129	134	FOLGORE
do.	2 " " "	5	129	134	CREMONA
do.	3 " " "	5	129	134	LEGNANO
S. & T.					
CM/597/1	1 Fd Bakery	1	32	33	LEGNANO
do.	2 " "	1	32	33	FOLGORE
do.	316 " "	1	32	33	FRIULI
do.	317 " "	1	32	33	CREMONA
do.	318 " "	1	32	33	MANTOVA
do.	319 " "	1	32	33	RAAC
CM/531,532 533,539/1	3 GT Coy(Combat)	9	348	357	2 Dist.
CM/532/1, VI/719/1	1 Motor Amb Convoy -	7	274	281	2 Dist.
SIGS.					
CM/829/1	181 Tech Maint Sec	1	30	31	FRIULI
do.	183 " " "	1	30	31	LEGNANO
MED.					
CM/574/1	331 Evac Hosp	19	71	90	13 Corps
do.	429 Evac Hosp	19	71	90	13 Corps
do.	470 Evac Hosp	19	71	90	2 Dist
do.	519 Evac Hosp	19	71	90	2 Dist
do.	520 Evac Hosp	19	71	90	MANTOVA
do.	522 Evac Hosp.	19	71	90	2 Dist
CM/575/1	34 Fd Surgical Unit	3	23	26	LEGNANO
do.	130 " " "	3	23	26	FRIULI
do.	131 " " "	3	23	26	FOLGORE
do.	216 " " "	3	23	26	MANTOVA
CM/576/1	29 Mobile X-Ray Unit	1	6	7	FRUILI
do.	133 " " "	1	6	7	2 Dist
CM/577/1	113 Mobile Dental Unit	1	3	4	FRIULI
do.	114 " " "	1	3	4	FOLGORE
CM/689/1	86 Mobile Bath Unit	-	14	14	FRIULI

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do.	522	Evac Hosp.	19	71	90	2 Dist
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do.	131	" " "	3	23	26	FOLGORE
do.	216	" " "	3	23	26	MANTOVA
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do.	114	" " "	1	3	4	FOLGORE
CM/689/1	86	Mobile Bath Unit	-	14	14	FRIULI
do.	54	" " "	-	14	14	CREMONA
do.	51	" " "	-	14	14	LEGNANO
do.	184	" " "	-	14	14	FOLGORE
do.	104	" " "	-	14	14	MANTOVA
MISC.						
CM/499/1	58	Combat Gp Transit Camp	6	102	108	2 Dist
CM/954/1	1	Cinematographic Unit	1	3	4	2 Dist
do.	2	" "	1	3	4	FRIULI
CM/876/1	1421	It. Offrs Shop (Static)	1	4	5	2 Dist
do.	1422	" " " "	1	4	5	13 Corps
			179	1983	2162	

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COPY OF MESSAGE ATTACHED

FROM : AFHQ : 'A' BRANCH 012046 A

TO : [illegible]

INFO : MMIA

REF : O 20877.

SEC 202

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OFFICE SYM : ID/6/2

DATE : 4

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ST 204

OUTGOING SIGNAL

DATE 17 TIME 1[illegible] A

FROM : MHA

TO : G HQ

INFO : DISTWO

REF : SD 3125

UNCLASSIFIED

DISBANDMENT OF 1 AND 2 CT COYS PROCEEDS UNDER SUPERVISION D I S T W O WITH COMPLETION 31 JAN (.) AUTHORITY GHQ SIG C 14017 OF 15 JAN

TO D I S T W O

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED [illegible]

INTERNAL: A - G(Two)-ST

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Info : Ministry of War

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SC(T) 17 Jan.

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Subject:- Convoy returns.

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Land Forces Sud Cons. A.F.
(M.A.L.A.)
2 C.F.
G/205

16th Jan 46.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. 1st Italian CT Coy was transferred to III-ITI Allegory w.e.f. 31 July 45 and is now part of the Italian Army.

2. Since the a/m date no convoy returns have been received in respect of this unit by Allied Troops.

3. The convoys of vehicles held by this unit as at 31 July 45 should be forwarded without delay to Statecentre (General) G(MT); confirmation that this has been done is to be sent to this HQ.

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

Copy to:- Allied C.C. --
your G(MT)/0503/1/Q(AT)
of 31 Dec 45 refers
Statecentre (General)
Army HQ
2 Corps
Internals- G(SD)
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COPY EXISTING SIGNAL

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FROM	:	APSE SIGN 'A' ZEBRON CHG. CEP 19 2109 A
TO	:	HQ DIXIE
INFO	:	ASCA
REF	:	C 14047

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SUBJECT IS 1 AND 2 ITALIAN GY OOYS (.) DISBANDMENT THESE UNITS TO PROCEED UNDER SUPERVISION D I X I E Q AS DETAILED UNDER LETTER G1 (B) 1074/41 (SGS 3029) DATED 26 AUG 45 (.) DISPOSAL PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT TO BE COMPLETED 31 JAN 46 (.) YOUR AG/401/29(O) OF 10 NOVEMBER

SD DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION	:	SD/G/2
INFO	:	Q A ST (TWO)

JW
16 JAN 46

DADST A1
SC(T) 327 16 Jan
Good!

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Subject:- "B" Vehicle Census.

Land Forces Sub Comd. A.F.
(N.W.E.A.)
H Q F
C/703

16 Jan 45.

1. Ref my 2 Inf Fmations Gp.Coys (T.A.'s 33 - 541/ - 543/1 - 532/1 - 533/1) were ordered to be disbanded under ref G-1(M)/307/A.I.(Gen 3078) of 25 Aug 45 - disbandment to be completed by 15 Dec 45.

2. It appears, however, that these two units have not yet been completely disbanded and moreover Ref G.t.Coy still continued to issue Vehicle Part I Orders from time to time.

3. Any arrangements please be made for the completion of the disbandment of those two units and vehicles returned in accordance with G(AI) AFHQ CMF Instructions No 13.

C.E. KING, Major,
for Major General,
D.A.A.

Copy to:- GHQ CMF - your G/Q/6309/
1/Q(AS) of
31 Dec refers.
21st Centre (Census) GHQ MMF
6 ALU CMF

Internal:- G(SD)
S.I.

CIK/ab

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MILA

DATE 11 TIME 1100A

TO : GHQ CMF (A1)

INFO : GHQ CMF G(SD)
DISTWO
6 BLU

REF : SD 3121

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L A F D - M A N N SPOKE 10 JAN REF NOS 1 AND 2 ITALIAN GT COYS (.)

ONE (.) WE CONSIDER THAT INSTRS SHOULD BE ISSUED TO COMPLETE DISBANDMENT THESE UNITS SOONEST (.)

TWO (.) OWING TO PROGRESS OF DISBANDMENT AND INDIFFERENT RECORD OF THESE UNITS IT IS N O T CONSIDERED PRACTICABLE TO CANCEL DISBANDMENT ORDERS OF LAST AUC AND TRANSFER UNITS TO ITALIAN CONTROL (.)

THREE (.) UNDERSTOOD NO 2 COY HAS HANDED IN ABOUT HALF TPT TO B R I T VEH PKS WITH DISPOSAL OF CORRESPONDING PERSONNEL AND NO 1 COY IS STANDING BY

PRECEDENCE I M P O R T A N T

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THREE (.) UNDERSTOOD NO 2 COY WAS LANDED IN ABOUT HALF TPT TO B R I I T VEN PMS WITH DISPOSAL OF CORRESPONDING PERSONNEL AND NO 1 COY IS STANDING BY

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT 325

AUTHENTICATED

INTERNAL: 1
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ST
FILE : SD/6/2

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O & T, MMIA.
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INTER OFFICE MINUTE

SE/1803

To :- G (SD)

SUBJECT :- Nos 1, 2 and 3 G.T. Coys.

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Attached copy of letter from S.T. 2 DISTRICT letter 44.10/103 dated 18 Dec 45 is forwarded for information reference SD/44/2 dated 29 Aug 45.

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JMD/eg

A.D.A.T.

27 Dec 45

SUBJECT:- Nos 1,2 and ITALIAN TPT COYS

T-148

H.Q.No.2 District,C.M.F.
Tel: Blenheim 212
4410/ST3

18th.December 45

Rec'd 21/12/45

S.T.

"A"

1. Reference correspondence on the above subject ending with this office letter 4410/ST3 dated 17th.December 45. It is felt that the matter of the above mentioned Italian Transport Companies needs clearing up.

2. The units are ITI - ITI units, and are not the responsibility of S & T, but some months ago two of them Nos 1 and 2 were allotted for ops to Br. Increment 5th.Army and later 1 District.

3. The companies which were it is believed originally intended to be 3rd line companies of Gruppi, have never had British Cadres, and have been entirely administered by the Italian H.Q's allotted for this purpose.

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H Dawnay 323
Colonel.
DDST.

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A.D.S.T. MMIA, ROME
CRASC 67 C.T.Coln
CRASC 78 C.T.Coln
"G"
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SUBJECT :- No. 3 G.T. Coy.

ST/1803

4 Dec 45

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MCEA)
RGHS
Tel :- Rome 480001 Ext 325

To :- No. 2 Wksl. Section.

1. Further to this offices letter ST/1803 dated 4. Dec 45.

2. The Ministry of War state that the two platoons of No 3 G.T. Coy formerly located at Naples and Leghorn respectively were ordered to rejoin their company at Genoa on 1st Dec 45.

Will you please say whether the platoons have, in fact, yet arrived at Genoa.

for Lt. Col. ADJT.,
Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MCEA)

WHC/ag

Copy to :- No. 10 M.S. Platoon.

Internal :- C.
G.

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ST/sp

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Auto

S.T.

N.6/11160/Serv.di prot. Roma-P.M.3800, li 23.11.45

OGGETTO: distaccamenti della 3^ Cp. G.T.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.(GRIA)

R O M A

Risposta foglio ST/1803 in data 14 nov.

Si concorda con quanto prospettato da codesta LFSA.

Il rientro a Genova dei 2 plotoni trasportati attualmente dislocati a Napoli e Livorno, avverrà il 1° dicembre p. v.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- Giorgio Liuzzi -

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SUMMARY 3 General Transport Coy - Vehicles census

LORRY 3 TON 4X2 G.S.	LORRY 3 TONS 4X2 STORES	LORRY 3 TON W/Shops	UTILITY CAR 4X2	TRUCK 15 CWT 4X2 G-3	TRUCK 15 CWT WATER	TRACTOR RECOVERY 6X4	
135	2	1	5	7	6	2	Holding
132	2	-	7	8	6	-	W/E

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General Transport log - Vehicles census as at 20 Nov 45 -

TRUCK 15 CWT 4x2 0-3-	TRUCK 15 CWT WATER	TRACTOR RECOVERY GS	
7	6	2	Holding
8	6	-	W/E

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
c/o Signal Office
G E N O A

GEN/62/ST

21 November 1945

Subject:- Vehicle Records.

To :- M.M.I.A. HQ. ROME

Ref your ST/1803 dated 14 Nov 45, herewith
Vehicle Census as at 20 November 45 in respect of No. 3 G.T.Coy.

Major
R.A.C. (Recce)
M.M.I.A., L.O.
GENOA

1 encl.

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SUBJECT :- Vehicle Records.

ST/1803

14 Nov 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
RGMS
Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

To :- MMIA LO, Geron.

Will you please obtain and forward to this office a copy of the monthly vehicle census for November in respect of No 3 G.T. Coy.

WNBM/ag

for Lt. Col. ADST.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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SUBJECT :- Detachments of No 3 C.T. Coy. (2) BIF 22 Nov to Coll Coy & Check action taken.

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14 Nov 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

To :- S.M.P.E., Ufficio Automobilismo.

1. At present, No 3 C.T. Coy has one platoon on detachment at Naples and one at Leghorn.

2. Owing to the fact that comitments in Naples have been reduced by the issue of vehicles to 807 Italian Transit Camp Ravisanina, and that additional vehicles have been issued to No 7 Admin Tpt Coy at Florence, it is considered advisable to re-unite the two platoons referred to above with their company HQ at Genoa.

3. Will you please state whether you are in agreement with the above and, if so, the dates on which the platoons will move to Genoa.

Spoke Sgt. Abbott
23.11 who had no info. —
taking matter up
Dec 196

for Lt. Col. AMMF.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)

WMM1/eg

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" " Genoa
" " Naples.

Internal :- G.
Q.

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M I N I S T E R O D E L L A G U E R R A
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione

(192)

N° 18327/Ord./I di prot. P.M.3600, li 13 novembre 1945

OGGETTO: Dipendenza 3° reparto trasporti.

AL COMANDO DIVISIONE FANTERIA "MANTOVA" P.M.104
AL COMANDO DIVISIONE FANTERIA "PICENO"(C.A.C.F.I.C.) P.M.92
AL COMANDO 231ª DIVISIONE P.M.226

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.(ROMA) ROMA
(rif.tele S.T./1803 del 7.11.45)
AL GABINETTO SEDE
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI MILANO P.M.226
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GENOVA P.M.216
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI FIRENZE P.M.219
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI ROMA P.M.3600
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI NAPOLI
ALLA DIREZ.GEN.PERSONALE UFFICIALI SEDE
ALLA DIREZ.GEN.LEVA SOTTUFF. E TRUPPA SEDE
ALLA DIREZ.GEN.DEI SERVIZI DI COMM.TO E AMM.VI SEDE
ALLA DIREZ.GEN.DI ARTIGL. E MOTORIZZAZIONE SEDE
AL COMANDO 231ª DIVISIONE CAVA DEI TIRRENI
AL 718° RAGGR. PARENTO (stralcio 230ª divisione) P.M.219
ALL'UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ADDESTRAMENTO SEDE
ALL'UFFICIO SERVIZI SEDE
ALL'UFFICIO TRASPORTI SEDE

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A seguito foglio 16798/Ord. del 16 sett. 1945 si precisa che il 3° reparto trasporti dipende disciplinarmente e amministrativamente dalla divisione ftr. "Mantova" e non dalla 231ª divisione.

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(F. Piacentini).

F. Piacentini.

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.(MILA) ROMA
(rif.tele S.T./1803 del 7.11.45)
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AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI ROMA P.M.5600
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A seguito foglio 16738/Ord. del 18 sett. 1945 si precisa che il 3° reparto trasporti dipende disciplinarmente e amministrativamente dalla divisione ftr. "Mantova" e non dalla 231^ divisione.

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(P. Piacentini).

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S.T. (191)

Subject:- Report on 3 G.T. Coy.

ST.MMIA.IO. N.W. ITALY
c/o Signal Office Genoa
STG/11
8 November 45

To:- ADST. HQ. M.M.I.A. ROME

Herewith copy of report on 3 G.T. Coy by S&T 56 BLU, for information.

for Major Chd
S/Capt. R/SO
ST.MMIA.IO.
N.W. ITALY.

1 encl.

ASI/lr

S-1/1873

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SUBJECT:- Report on Detachment of 3 Italian G.T.Coy.

56 B.L.U.
AG 11
5 Nov 45

G.I., 56 B.L.U.

ADST (wrote)

Copy to: MMIA IO, GENOA.

1. At your request, I visited 3 Italian G.T. Coy on 31 Oct 45, with Capt Jones, RTRC and Capt Pace (Interpreter).

2. That Unit's HQ, W/S, and two Transport Platoons are located in part of the extensive SIAC factory at Genoa.

3. Its two remaining Platoons are on detachment at LEGHORN and NAPLES.

4. I interviewed the OC of the Company, who made the following points:-

(a) He considered the present accomodation very suitable for his Company's requirements.

(b) He had no suggestions to make on alternative accomodation.

(c) He knew of no requests from the civilian owners that he should withdraw his personnel from their present accomodation.

5. I inspected the vehicle lines, which have recently been flooded as a result of the heavy rainstorm. Approximately a dozen vehicles were "off the road", due to lack of tyres. Other tyres were "flat".

Out of a large number of speedometers examined, none showed total mileage in excess of 10,000.

The vehicles generally were in a very low state of maintenance and general repair.

6. The W/S Platoon is located in one bay of a three-bay factory building. It is eminently suitable for such a purpose. It possesses electric light, and an electrically operated overhead crane.

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The tyres of the W/S lorries were half-inflated, and Capt Jones RMT observed that a considerable proportion of the tools and equipment on these lorries had never been used.

On requesting to see the W/S Officer, the O.C. of the Company informed me that he was deficient of a W/S Officer, and fulfilled that duty himself.

Several vehicles B.I.R.'d as a result of traffic accidents were standing on waste ground outside the W/S building.

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Questioned about the incidence of Traffic Accidents, the O.C. stated that whereas accidents had been high when the unit first come to Genoa, the number of accidents had now considerably decreased.

He also stated that the standard of driving and maintenance was not satisfactory, due to the fact that many drivers were shortly due for release from the Army, and were correspondingly apathetic.

7. Inspection of the billets of one of the Platoons showed that bed space was restricted. The beds and kits were most untidy.

A request to see the Latrines proved a difficulty to the O.C. who obviously did not know where they were. He explained that most men used the sea(which was at least 200 yards away).

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Capt. RASC.

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Capt. RASC.
56 British Liaison Unit.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : M.M.I.A.

07 1340 A

TO : [illegible]

INFO : [illegible]

[illegible] (.) [illegible] (.) [illegible] (.) [illegible]

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Internal :- C.
A.
Q.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

Copy 175 Ltr 188

FROM : 56 BLU 041300 A

TO : MMIA ROME IMPORTANT

REF : 609 UNCLASSIFIED

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REF SF/18031 OF 19 OCTOBER (.) SUBJECT 3 GT COY (.)
FOLLOWING COPY LETTERS RECEIVED BY M A M T O V A (.)
FROM 231 DIV TO SMRE 231 DIV REF 2013/ORD DATED 13
OCTOBER REQ ESTING CONFIRMATION BY SMRE THAT 3 GT
COY UNDER COMMAND 231 DIV (.) FROM SMRE TO 231 DIV
SMRE REF 19048/PRD/1 DATED 26 OCTOBER CONFIRMING
SMRE LETTER 16792/ORD/1 DATED 18 SEPTEMBER WHICH
STATED 3 GT COY UNDER COMMAND 231 DIV(.) AS
DISCIPLINE IN THIS COMPANY IN A BAD STATE AND
M A M T O V A WISH TO TAKE ACTION BUT AT PRESENT
UNABLE TO DO SO AS IT WOULD APPEAR NOT TO BE
UNDER THEIR COMMAND MAY SMRE BE ASKED TO CLARIFY
SITUATIONURGENTLY STATING WHICH DIV IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR ADM OF 3 GT COY

SD DISTRIBUTION :

ACTION : SD/6

INFO : A
Q (3)

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SUBJECT:- Transport.

Land Forces Commissaion AC
MMLA ROME

ST
MMIA LO
Italian LO (227 Div)

3 District
BASEBAIL 15
780 Q

31 Oct 45

1. Ref your Q/5 dated 12 Oct 45, 6 x 3 ton vehs from the platoon of 3 GT Coy are used exclusively on maintenance of RAVISCANINA Camp. This Camp becomes a Ministry of War responsibility on or about 14 Nov but until such time as the Ministry supplies the requisite transport 807 Transit Camp will remain dependent on the a/m vehs.

2. The remainder of the platoon may be withdrawn forthwith but it is not desired to interrupt the arrangements at RAVISCANINA Camp until a satisfactory alternative has been settled by the Ministry of War.

Sc 7 & See

/S/ C.F. MASON Maj
for Maj Gen
Comd

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

TRANSLATION

From : M of War

To : MMIA 45

Ref : 7834/ICA

Dtd : 27 Oct 45

Subject : 3rd General Transport Coy.(3rd Transport Unit for Combat Groups).

Further to the known agreements made by telephone, we forward herewith enclosed, letter No.017539/7690/1.CA dtd 23 Oct 45, which substitutes that preceding (same number, same date and same subject) erroneously addressed to the "Cremona" Group.

We assure you that we have arranged for the despatch of the said letter to the "Mantua" Combat Group, and that the HQ "Cremona" Combat Group has been warned to consider the above-mentioned letter as null and void.

sgd. Col A. Scarpellini.

Good.

P/A # 1803 31/Oct

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fd/GG

Roma 27 OTT. 1945 - 194

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE
ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE

Divisione corpo aut. Sez. 1ª
Prot. N. 7834/1.CA Allegati

Alla M.M.I.A.
96
= ROMA =

Risposta al f.to del
Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO 3ª compagnia trasporti generale (3° re parto trasporti per gruppi di comb/to).-

A seguito note intese telefoniche si invia l'unito foglio n.017539/7690/1.CA.in data 23 corr. il quale sostituisce quello precedente (stesso numero, stessa data e stesso oggetto), erroneamente indirizzato al gruppo "Cremona".-

Si assicura di aver provveduto all'invio dei fogli di cui trattasi al comando del gruppo di combattimento "Mantova" e che il comando del gruppo di combattimento "Cremona" è stato informato che deve considerare nulla la comunicazione di cui è oggetto il foglio sopradistinto.-

IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE
(col. A. Scarpellini)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
Div.corpo automobilistico - sez.1ª

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n. 017539/7690/1 di prot. Roma, lì 23 ottobre 1945

OGGETTO: 3ª compagnia trasporti generale (3° reparto trasporti per gruppi di combattimento).-

AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "MANTOVA" P.M.104

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA M.M.I.A. ROMA
(rif.f.ST/1803 in data 27/9 c.a.)

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO SEDE
(rif.atterg.n.6/10505/serv. in data 7/10/1945)

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Divisione Movimento

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Tuttavia sembra a questo Ministero, direzione generale scrivente, che le cause relative al cattivo andamento disciplinare del reparto, debbano ricercarsi nella deficiente azione del comandante del reparto stesso o nella mancanza di collaborazione di altri ufficiali del reparto medesi

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p. IL MINISTRO
(f° Gen.U. Russo)

P. C. C.
IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE
(col.A.Scarpellini)

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Num. 1430
Date 29/10
Time 14:30
Init. 30/10

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ST. MMIA LO, N.W. ITALY
c/o Signal Office Genoa
GEN/15/G/(SD)
27 Sept 1945.

SUBJECT :- LIAISON REPORT (S & T No 7)

To :- HQ. MMIA, ROME (4)

1. SUPPLIES (Caissis)

2. TRANSPORT.

(a) Local difficulties re rding P.O.L. ex C.I.P. now adjusted. Mainly due to movement of Combat Troops from Genoa Command to Turin Command.

(b) Commands again informed of the proper procedure regarding the handling of inefficient vehicles.

(c) An improvement in the standard of vehicle maintenance of 3 G.T. Coy is noticed.

ST/1803.

S/ ??????????
S/ Capt. RASC.
ST.MMIA.LO.
N.W. ITALY.

Copy to :- MMIA (for S'T)
Senior MMIA LO, N.W. ITALY , MILAN.

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SECRET INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM : ADVCE "A" BRANCH GHQ 231230 A

TO : REPEATED UNCLASSIFIED

INFO : MAIN SEA AIR

REF : G 31471

SECRET 2 REPEAT GHQ TPT COM (.) REQUEST ORGANISATION REPORT
REINFORCEMENT UNIT BOLOGNA (.) INTENTION LATTER
10/4487/A DATED 20 SEP 43 AND A F H Q LETTER G-1 (MR) 1979/A5
(SERIAL 2089) DATED 26 AND 45 REFERS

SD INTERPRETATION

ACTION : SD/6/2

INFO : A
Q(Tpt)
SS

SM 1803

30/25/Corps/45

Dec Paraphrase
SMW
29/10

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TRANSLATION

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From : M of War MANTOVA

To : HQ "CREMONA" Combat Group

Copy to MMIA

Ref : 017359/7690/CH

Dtd : 23 Oct 45

ST/1803

Subject : 3rd General Transport Coy. (3rd transport unit for the Combat Groups.).

It is pointed out that the disciplinary situation of the unit in subject leaves something to be desired.

Recently,Major VINCENTELLI,the present commander of the unit, having come specially to Rome,requested the transfer,to another unit of the M.T. 2/Lt. (officer-reserve),Ferrero PIACENTINI,stating that the movement had been requested for certain advisable reasons,but not those of a disciplinary nature.

This transfer,having also been requested over the telephone by a senior Allied Officer,has already been ordered.

It would,however, appear to the Directorate General of this Ministry,that motives for the bad disciplinary situation of the unit must be sought,either in the lack of action taken by the Commanding officer of the said unit,or in the lack of collaboration given by other officers in the same unit.

We beg you therefore,to inform us,by return of post,of the names of officers whose transfers to other units your H.Q. considers it advisable to propose,apart from the disciplinary measures which it will be considered necessary to adopt against responsible persons.

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With regard to the Directorate General-Officer personnel, we shall communicate the name of the officer who will substitute M.T. Major Marco Vincentelli (officer-reserve), whose discharge is at hand. 304

for the Minister,
unsigned

Certified True Copy.
sgd. Col A. Scarpellini.

Sfolk Col SCARPELLINI
27/10 + forld on Cattle
should then turn out to maulana
He will find copy of Circular

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fd/GG

TRASMESSO Roma 23 OTT. 1945

Ore 0900

Data 25/10

COMANDO GRUPPO
COMBATTIMENTO "CREMONA"
P.M.164

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZ.GEN.ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
Divisione corpo automobilistico-sez.1

Ore 1620

Data 25/10

Divisione Sez.
Prot. N. 017539/769/1 C.# Allegati

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. Sez. N°

OGGETTO: 3ª compagnia trasporti generali (3° reparto trasporti per gruppi di combattimento).-

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA M.M.I.A. — ROMA
(rif.f.ST/1803 in data 27/9 c.a.)

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p. IL MINISTRO

P. C. C.
IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE
(col.A.Scarpellini)

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SUBJECT :- 3 G.T. Coy - Work-tickets.

ST/1803

23 Oct 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

To :- S.M.R.E., Ufficio Automobilismo.

1. Enclosed herewith are work-tickets of 3 G.T. Coy (No 4 Pln) withdrawn by MMIA LO, Naples on its ceasing to draw P.O.L. from Allied Sources.

2. Please forward to H.Q. 3 G.T. Coy for their retention.

3. The following comments are made :-

(a) P.O.L. held at start is not entered.

(b) P.O.L. drawn is not always entered.

(c) Speedometer readings - or approx mileage if speedometers are out of order - not recorded.

(d) In some cases details of load not shown.

(e) Work-tickets are unsigned by driver at the foot of the reverse side.

for Lt. Col. ADST.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

ASH/ag

Copy to:- 56 B.L.U.

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SUBJECT :- 4 Platoon 3(Italian) GT Coy
- AF's G 3518

S1/1803

LO LAND FORCES SUB COMM
AC (MMIA) 3 DISTRICT
Baseball 2
Ref 3DLO/20

15 Oct 45

LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (MMIA) ROME

1. Herewith current AF's G 3518 withdrawn by me from above mentioned sub-unit.

2. It will be noted on examination that this unit, though of BR-ITI Combat Status, in some cases drew POL from Allied Stocks after 30 Sep 45.

G Donnell
Capt
MMIA LO

EOD/ell

3 - alt operations (1)
1 - forward to wcm for onward transmission to 3 GT Cy HQ - for retention. + 1 alt critical stock list re POL
3U1

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ADST AMW

OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMLA

DATE TIME
A
21/1700

TO : AFHQ FOR GHQ CMF

INFO : DISTWO
217 AREA
MMIA LO MILAN
217 AREA FOR MMIA LO
DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

REF : SD 3027

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UNCLASSIFIED

REF G-1 (BR)/1074/A1 (SER 3029) DATED 26 AUG 45 (.)

2 ITALIAN GEN TPT COY IN 2 DISTRICT AREA AT B O L G N A NOT

RPT NOT YET DISBANDED OWING NON RECEIPT ORDERS BY LOCAL ALLIED

HQ (.) RECOMMEND 2 DIST ACT AS SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

FILE : SD/14/2
SD/6/2

DISTRIBUTION: A
4(Two)
SI(Two)

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Subject:- Liaison Report (S&T No.6)

ST.MMIA.LO. N.W.ITALY
c/o Signal Office Genoa

GEN/13/G(SD)

20 Oct 1945

To:- HQ. M.M.I.A. ROME (4) one copy for T

1. SUPPLIES

(a) Normal Maintenance being carried out. Supplies ex 13 CRASC (Sup.Units) continue to arrive in a broken condition due to bad loading at the point of acceptance. Major Ge will be visiting Ancona early next week.

(b) Second Supply Conference was held on the 16th Oct and minutes have been forwarded to HQ.

(c) The new Depot at Piacenza was visited on the 18th Oct is being properly laid out and will be ready for issues on the 21st.Oct.

(d) Agreement has been reached between OC RASC Genoa Garrison regarding the use of ovens (ex Genoa Military Bakery) in the bakery at present being used by British 12 Fd Bakery.

2. TRANSPORT & P.O.L.

(a) Considerable difficulty is being experienced by Mantova Group in obtaining Lubricant from CIP.Piacenza none available. Genoa only received 35 % of their requirements. (This confirm verbal message to ADST 19 Oct).

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(c) At a conference with the Territorial Command it was suggested by them that as 3 GT Coy was under command of Mantova Group for Administration and discipline the Group should draw the company's allotment of POL; much greater control of POL could then be exercised. This office is in agreement with the Territorial Command. Can this be arranged please ?

AC/lr

S/Capt. RASC.
ST. MMIA. LO.
N.W. ITALY.

Copy to:- MMIA (for S&T)
Senior MMIA.LO. N.W. ITALY MILAN
File

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Copies nos 1610 & 1602.

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SUBJECT :- No 3 Italian G.T. Coy.

ST/1803

19 Oct 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMLA)
ROME
Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 326

To :- DEST 2 DESPATCH (2)

Reference your 4410/MF3 of 13 Oct 45 and attached report on No 3 G.T. Coy.

1. Indents for MT spares, vehicle replacements etc. should be placed through 56 B.L.U. and dealt with in the same manner as are component units of the Mantova group.

2. The Ministry of War have been informed the Mantova group is the next highest authority to the company, and MGT 231 Adm Div.

3. It is not possible to place the unit under command of the Comm Territorial Command, since such command has not, at present, any facilities for the replacement of British spares and equipment.

WMW/ag

Lt. Col. ADJT.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

Copy to :- Ministry of War.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

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SUBJECT :- Transport Detail - 4 Platoon
3 (Italian) GT Coy

LO LANDFORCES SUB COMM
AC (MMIA° 3 DISTRICT
Baseball 2
Ref 3DLO/20

17 Oct 45

HQ 227 DIV

Copy to :- LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (MMIA) ROME
MMIA NAPLES
10 TERRITORIAL HQ NAPLES

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Further to my 3DLO/20/1 of 13 Oct 45 and my 3DLO/20 dated 16 Oct 45.

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.1 Transport from above mentioned Unit will report at 0730 hrs at FRATTAMAGGIORE Depot to load battle-dress destined for 5 Territorial HQ, UDINE as follows :-

(a) Two 3-tonners on 19 Oct 45

(b) Four 3-tonners on 21 Oct 45.

2. Escorts, POL, documentation etc., will be in accordance with instructions laid down in my letter reference 3DLO/20/1 dated 13 Oct 45.

S7/1803.

Capt
MMIA LO

EOD/ell
Internal
ILO (227 DIV)

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SUBJECT :- Transport Detail - 4 Platoon
3 (Italian) GT Coy

LO LAND FORCES SUB COMM
AC (MMIA) 3 DISTRICT
Baseball 2
Ref 3DLO/20

ST

16 Oct 45

HQ 227 DIV

Copy to :- LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (MMIA) ROME ✓
MMIA NAPLES
10 TERR HQ NAPLES

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Further to my letter 3DLO/20/1 dated 13 Oct 45.

1. Two 3-ton vehicles of above mentioned unit will report to FRATTAMAGGIORE Depot at 0730 hrs on 17 Oct 45 to load 1,000 sets of battle-dress destined for No 5 Territorial HQ, UDINE.

2. Escorts, POL, documentation etc., will be in accordance with instructions laid down in my above mentioned letter.

MM

L O Donnell,
Capt
MMIA LO

EOD/ell

Internal
LLO (227 DIV)

ST/1803

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Subject : Transport Detail - 4 Pl & 1 Coy.

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LO LAND FORCES SUB COMM
AC (MMIA) 3 DISTRICT
Baseball 02
Ref 3DLO/20/1

ST.

13 Oct 45

HQ 227 Div

Copies to:- LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (MMIA) ROME
MMIA LO, NAPLES
LO Territorial HQ, NAPLES

1. In confirmation of verbal instructions through MMIA NAPLES and S/Ten GRECO LO HQ 3 District, two 3-ton vehicles of 4 Pl 3 GT Coy will report to FRATTAMAGGIORE at 0800 hrs on 14 Oct to load clothing destined for No 5 Territorial HQ UDINE.

2. As soon as loading is completed, transport will set off for UDINE. Escorts will be supplied by FRATTAMAGGIORE Depot.

3. POL will be supplied through Territorial HQ NAPLES. S and T, HQ MMIA, are arranging that replenishment of POL will be done by Ministry of War ROME (Capitano D'AJO), and Territorial HQs at FLORENCE, BOLOGNA and UDINE, both for voyage and return trip.

4. You will ensure that personnel are supplied with such documents as will clearly identify them at a/m refuelling points.

5. It is estimated that other transport of a/m unit will be called upon to make the same trip during the early part of next week.

ST/1803

G Donnell.
Capt..
MMIA LO.

First Army

EOD/eod
Internal 1- LO 227 Div.

Dmk 14/10/45

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SUBJECT :- Transport Detail - 3 (Italian) GT Coy (4 platoon)

SG/1803.

LO LAND FORCES SUB COMM
AC(MMIA) 3 DISTRICT
Baseball 2
Ref 3DLO/20

13 Oct 45

HQ 227 DIV

Copy to :- LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (MMIA) ROME
OC BRIT CADRE 807 TRANSIT CAMP

1. In confirmation of verbal instructions, six 3-ton vehicles of 4 platoon 3 (Italian) GT Coy will proceed to RAVISCANINA (807 Transit Camp) on 15 Oct 45 remaining for a period of approximately three weeks.

2. You will arrange that sufficient POL is carried to ensure that this detachment can carry out its duties efficiently.

G Donnell
Capt
MMIA LO

EOD/ell

Internal
ILO (227 DIV)

DADT

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA LO DISTHREE

TO : ! MMIA

INFO : OC BRIT CADRE 807 TRANSIT CAMP

3DLO/544

UNCLASSIFIED

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REF YOUR SIGNAL PARA 5 A I340 OF I2 OCT (.) CONFIRMED

DISTR : A I50/2 Action

Mov (2)

Float

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SUBJECT:- 3 Italian GT Coy

H.Q.No 2 District, C.M.F.
4410/ST3
Tel: Blenheim 212

13th.October 45

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S.T.

'A'

Copy: ADST MMIA ROME

see 176

1. The position of 3 Italian GT Coy requires investigation as it is apparent from the attached copy report from 56 B.L.U. ref 11 AG dated 9th Oct 45 (Appx 'B') and from the attached copy report by ST MMIA to M.W. Italy forwarded by Land Forces Sub Commission ROME ref ST/1803 dated 27th.Sept 45 (Appx 'B') that the discipline and personnel position of this unit is far from satisfactory. — 153

2. Under AFHQ authority copy attached, (Appx 'C'), AFHQ/1114/ST 3(a) dated 23 July 45 it will be seen that 3 Italian GT Coy was placed under Op. Comd MMIA., Admin Comd.No.2 District and that DDST 2 District has no responsibilities whatsoever in respect of this unit. — 84 A

3. Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. copy letter attached, ST/1803 dated 23 Aug 45, (Appx 'D'), addressed to HQ No.2 District, required a report on this unit, which this office requested in turn from DDST 56 BLU (para 1 refers). It is contended however, that the responsibility of ST ends here and that HQ 2nd Admin Div (ITI) and the Combat Group MANTOVA be approached with a view to the immediate rectification of the serious state of affairs now prevalent in 3 Italian GT Coy.

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DADT Allen

for Colonel.
D.D.S.T.

/EIS

Copy to :- File 4410/1/ST3

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Appx 'A'

COPY

app. "A"

SUBJECT:- Maintenance No.3 Italian G.T.Coy

CONFIDENTIAL 170

56 BLU
11 AG

9 Oct 45

DDST
HQ No.2 District

Reference your 4410/1/ST3 dated 29 Aug 45.

1. Unfortunately owing to the DADST 56 BLU being away on LIAP throughout September, and the general shortage of officers, a report on the above Coy has been delayed.

2. DADST 56 BLU visited the Coy on the 8 Oct 45 and a report is attached.

??????????
Lt Col
GS

In The Field
RCH/ajw

Copies to :- HQ MMLA ROME - ADST
MMLA LO GENOA .) ST
HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

Appendix "A"

COPY

App "A" cont

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REPORT ON 3 ITALIAN GT COY - GENOA

1. DISPOSITION OF COY

HQ and Wksp Plns - S.I.A.C.
Iron Works
CORNIGLIANO
GENOA.

No. 1 Tpt Pln - LEGHORN
No. 2 " " - GENOA
No. 3 " " - GENOA
No. 4 " " - NAPLES

2. OC - Major VINCENTELLI.

3. M.T VEHICLES - MAINTENANCE

The majority of the vehicles of No's 2 and 3 Platoons were away on duty, transporting supplies etc from British depots to Italian depots. The only vehicles available for inspection were mostly VOR due to severe damage from road accidents or in the case of fair wear and tear held up for MT spares. AB's 412 and 406 are in operation. The Task System ostensibly is in operation but the vehicles show lack of lubrication, tyre maintenance, cleanliness, and general well being. The workshops are holding a number of accident - damaged vehicles, which appear in many cases to have been cannibalised, and the remains of the chassis and bodies are lying outside the shops. Two workshop lorries are held, one of which is unserviceable due to the chain drive from the gearbox being defunct. The OC Coy states the vehicle was drawn in this condition. The workshop accomodation is good, except that the shops staff are sleeping within the building. The vehicle parks are quite satisfactory, standings are solid and a good approach. There is no officer in charge of the workshops, and the OC Coy combines this duty with his other duties. This is considered unsatisfactory. All POL for the Coy is drawn from the Italian Territorial HQ GENOA.

4. MAN MANAGEMENT & HYGIENE

This is bad. Cookhouses are dirty ill conceived and casual. Billets are overcrowded, unhygienic, although the building itself is good. Ablutions are ill-kept, latrines again ill-kept. The spirit and morale of the soldiers appears to be low and generally it is considered that discipline is poor.

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICER EFFICIENCY.

The HQ building is good and appears to be efficiently run. There is much superficial evidence of organisation, but this state of affairs appears to be confined only to the HQ building. Officers, that were seen, of the Coy, were not impressive by their appearance or personal deportment. They openly confess that they think the discipline of the Coy is poor and state the reason being that most of the older soldiers are weary of serving in the Army and consequently are a bad influence on the younger, incoming soldiers.

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6. SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS

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(c) POL they draw from the GENOA Territorial HQ Depot.

(d) HQ 251 Adm Div (TTI) have informed the Coy that they are in Coy's next higher authority.

(e) MT Spares appear to be drawn at odd periods through 'F' HELU GENANO.

It is considered that the Coy should be placed under command of the GENOA Territorial HQ for all purposes as this would obviously assist the OC Coy.

CONCLUSION It is regretted that this report is not very detailed on the most vulnerable points of the GT Coy but owing to the deployment of the Coy in Italy and the time limiting factor, a fuller report is not possible. It can be seen however, that the Coy is not satisfactory in either its operational side or its admin side.

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Appx 'B'

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App 'B'

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SUBJECT:- Discipline No 3 G.T.Coy

ST/1803

27 Sept 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
[redacted]
Tel : 439081 Ext 526

To :- 2 DISTRICT (2)

1. Attached extract from a report by S & T MMIA HQ, N.W.ITALY concerning No 3 G.T.Coy is forwarded for your information.

2. It would be much appreciated if 56 B.L.U. could assist the Mantova Group in improving the state of affairs set out therein - this office letter ST/1803 of 25 August also refers.

3. If it is thought desirable to change any of the officers in this company, this HQ can arrange with the Italian War Ministry to implement the necessary postings.

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for LA. Col. ADST.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)

WMMI/cg

Copies to :- S & T MMIA HQ N.W.ITALY
c/o 60 Sub Area
SMME., Min of War.

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Appendix "D"

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EXTRACT FROM ST LIAISON - REPORT NO. 1 N. W. ITALY

(ii) Dvr Picchi of 3 GT Coy was detained with 2 civilian employees of 42 BSD on the 11th September for stealing 112 lbs of sugar. The CO 42 BSD requested I visit him as on that day he had lost 7 sacks of sugar each containing 112 lbs. Apparantly the method adopted was when a vehicle was loaded civilian employees aided by the Italian driver would load on a sack of sugar; same would be disposed of by the driver outside the British Depot.

(iii) Discipline of the Company gets worse every day; set out below are details of charge preferred against members of the company by the British Military Police, Caserta during the month of September.

Traffic offences	6 CDs
Improper use of MT vehicles	1 officer carrying civilian furniture.
Improper possession of money and improper use of MT vehicles	1 CD carrying civilian for hire for about 70,000 lire.

Sgd [illegible]
Capt PAOC
ST MEDIA LO
N.W. Italy.

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Appx. "C"

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RESTRICTED
AFHQ/A114/SD3(a)
Pol Ext PROTOCOL 216

23 July 45

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

ST BRANCH

Subject:- No. 3 Italian GT Coy

DEST HQ No 2 District

1. Information has been received that No. 3 Italian G.T. Coy is now moving into No. 2 District, and is to be placed under Op Comd NBTA, Adm Comd No. 2 District.

2. S.T. have no responsibilities whatsoever in respect of the above unit.

Signed. W.T. POULSON,
Major
for Major General,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

Copy: ADST, MMIA

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Appendix 'D'

COPY App "D"

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Subject: Maintenance No. 3 ITI GT Coy

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C. (MMIA)
FORM
Tel: Rome 489091 Ext 526

ST/1603

23 Aug 45

To: HQ 2 District

No 3 Italian General Transport Coy had only just completed its formation in Rome when the larger portion of it was ordered North for operations under MMIA HQ N.W. Italy, and placed under your HQ for admin. It is felt that the Coy has probably needed more 'fathering' from the point of view of vehicle maintenance and administration than would have been the case with an older unit, and it would be appreciated if a report in respect of the unit could be obtained from 56 FTU for the information of this HQ, with particular reference to the present standard of vehicle maintenance and the efficiency of the officers in matters of administration and discipline.

V.I.P. PURPOSES
Lt-Col ADJT,
Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)

Copies: MMIA LO HQ Italy
" " 60 Sub Area

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S.T./203

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM MMIA

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TO BR CADRE 802 BRD ORVIETO
BR CADRE 807 TRANSIT CAMP RAVISCANINA
DISTHREE FOR MMLA LO
217 AREA FOR MMLA LO

REF: A 1340 att

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ONE (.) NOT POSSIBLE TO DIVERT 1000 PERSONNEL DUE O R V I E T O 13 OCT VIDE M M I A A 1309 OF 27 SEPT SERIALS 10 TO 13 NOR TO OBTAIN MOVEMENT EX O R V I E T O IN PERIOD 15 TO 21 OCT (.) TWO (.) ALL FURTHER MOVEMENT att INTO O R V I E T O HAS BEEN STOPPED INCL SERIALS 12 TO 14 OF A 1322 OF 4 OCT (.) L O 217 AREA WILL INFORM PERSONNEL CONCERNED THAT DESTINATION HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 807 TRANSIT CAMP V A I R A N O (.) THREE (.) FOR att MOVEMENT EX O R V I E T O SEE MOVEMENT SERIAL 31 VIDE M M I A A 1339 OF 12 OCT (.) THIS DRAFT SHOULD INCLUDE ALL DEMOBILIZABLE PERSONNEL FOR S A R D I N I A (.) FOUR (.) MOVEMENT OF 1200 DEMOBILIZABLE PERSONNEL N A P L E S TO S A R D I N I A IS BEING REQUESTED FOR 23 OCT OR AS SOON AFTERWARDS AS POSSIBLE (.) PERSONNEL EX 807 TRANSIT CAMP WILL HAVE FIRST PRIORITY (.) FIVE (.) M M I A L O DISTHREE WILL CONFIRM IF SIX 3 TONNERS EX 3 G T COY CAN BE PLACED AT DISPOSAL OF 807 TRANSIT CAMP FOR THREE WEEKS WEF 16 OCTOBER TO MEET EXTRA COMMITMENT

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

COPY TO: MINISTRY OF WAR

INTERNAL G(SD) (2)
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S.T. (Ref. para 5)

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PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

COPY TO: MINISTRY OF WAR

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : M.M.I.A.

TO : A.F.H.Q.

INFO : BR CADRE 807 TRANSIT CAMP
BR CADRE 802 REORGANISATION CENTRE
DISTHREE FOR M.M.I.A. LO

DATE 12 TIME OF ORIGIN 1640 A

REF A 1339 (.)

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REF M.M.I.A. A 1333 OF 11 OCTOBER (.) PLEASE ADD SERIALL 31 AS FOLLOWS (.) 1500 BR-ITI'S FROM ORVIETO TO VAIRANO FOR 807 TRANSIT CAMP (.) REQUEST MOVEMENT 22 OCTOBER

PRECEDENCE : IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED : J.F. Dodds Maj

COPY TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

INTERNAL : G (SD) (2)
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MOV (2)
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OUTCOING SIGNAL

FROM MMIA

04 /6 48 A

TO AFHQ

INFO CG AAFSC/MTO
50, 51, 52, 53, 56 BLU'S
F BTLO, IRTC
807 ERD ORVIETO
BR CADRE 807 TRANSIT CAMP
MILAN FOR MMIA LO
201 SUB AREA FOR MMIA LO
217 AREA FOR MMIA LO
PBS FOR MMIA LO
PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO
FLORENCE CITY COMMAND FOR MMIA LO

REF: A 1322

UNCLASSIFIED

PLEASE MOVE ITALIAN RFTS AS FOLLOWS IN WEEK 15 TO 21 OCT (.) READ IN COLNS (.)

A NUMBERS (.) B DESCRIPTION (.) C PRESENT LOCATION (.) D DESTINATION (.)

E RECEIVING FIN (.)

	A	B	C	D	E
1.	70	MEDICAL PERSONNEL	PALERMO	VERONA	MERANO HOSPITAL
2.	51	DRIVERS	ORVIETO	BARI	TERRITORIAL HQ
3.	26	DRIVERS	ORVIETO	NAPLES	TERRITORIAL HQ
4.	200	INF REINFS	ORVIETO	BOLZANO	505 GUARD BN
5.	500	US-ITI RFTS	CESANO	NAPLES	205 DIV
		REQUEST MOVEMENT IN PERIOD 8 - 14 IF POSSIBLE (.)			
6.		BR-ITI RFTS	CESANO	TRENTO	FRIULI GP
7.		BR-ITI RFTS	CESANO	TURIN	CREMONA GP
8.		BR-ITI RFTS	CESANO	BERGAMO	LEGNANO GP
9.		BR-ITI RFTS	CESANO	BOLZANO	FOLGORE GP
10.		BR-ITI RFTS	CESANO	MILAN	MANTOVA GP
11.	18*	DEMOBILIZABLE PERS	BOLOGNA	VAIRANO	807 TRANSIT CAMP
		FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT TO SARDINIA (.)			
12.*	150	SURPLUS EX 232 DIV	BOLOGNA		

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8.		BR-ITI RFTS	CESANO	BERGAMO	LEGNANO GP
9.		BR-ITI RFTS	CESANO	BOLZANO	FOLGORE GP
10.		BR-ITI RFTS	CESANO	MILAN	MANTOVA GP
11.	180	DEMOLITIONABLE PERS	BOLOGNA	VAIRANO	807 TRANSIT CAMP
		FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT TO SARDINIA (.)			
12.*	150	SURPLUS EX 230 DIV	BOLOGNA	ORVIETO	802 BRD
13.*	360	SURPLUS EX 230 DIV	FORLI	ORVIETO	802 BRD
14.*	170	SURPLUS EX 230 DIV	CESENA	ORVIETO	802 BRD

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*REQUEST MOVEMENT ON 15 OCT (.)

IN SERIALS 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 NO'S OF RFTS DEPENDENT ON CLOTHING SITUATION AND WILL FOLLOW (.)

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

COPY TO: WAR MINISTRY

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM M M I A

TO A.F.H.Q.

27 1710 A

INFO 'F' BTLU IRTC
BR HQADRE 802 BRD
50, 51, 52, 53, 56 BLU'S
MILAN FOR MMIA LO
BOLZANO FOR MMIA LO
201 SUB AREA FOR MMIA LO
FLORENCE CITY COMMAND FOR MMIA LO
217 AREA FOR MMIA LO
DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

REF: A 1309 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) PLEASE MOVE ITALIAN PETS AS FOLLOWS IN WEEK 8 TO 15 OCT (.) READ IN COLNS (.) A NUMBERS (.) B DESCRIPTION (.) C PRESENT LOCATION (.) D DESTINATION (.) E RECEIVING FMN (.)

	A	B	C	D	E
1.	500	BR-ITI REINFTS	CESANO	TRENTO	FRIULI DIV
2.	100	" "	CESANO	TURIN	CREMONA DIV
3.	100	" "	CESANO	BERGAMO	LEGNANO DIV
4.	100	" "	CESANO	BOLZANO	FOLGORE DIV
5.	500	" "	CESANO	MILAN	MANTOVA DIV
6.	166	M T PERSONNEL EX 209 DIV	BOLOGNA	MILAN	MANTOVA DIV
7.	400	INF RFTS ex 209 DIV	BOLOGNA	MILAN	MANTOVA DIV
8.	110	M T PERSONNEL EX 209 DIV	FORLI	BOLZANO	FOLGORE DIV
9.	130	ITI-ITI'S	BOLOGNA	ANCONA	523 GUARD BN
10.	400	EX PIONEERS	ANCONA	ORVIETO	802 BRD
11.	200	EX PIONEERS	CESENA	ORVIETO	802 BRD
12.	200	EX PIONEERS	FORLI	ORVIETO	802 BRD

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REF: A 1309 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) PLEASE MOVE ITALIAN RFTS AS FOLLOWS EN WEEK 8 TO 13 OCT (.) READ IN COLNS (.) A NUMBERS (.) B DESCRIPTION (.) C PRESENT LOCATION (.) D DESTINATION (.) E RECEIVING FMN (.)

	A	B	C	D	E
1.	500	BR-ITI REINFTS	CESANO	TRENTO	FRIULI DIV
2.	100	" "	CESANO	TURIN	CREMONA DIV
3.	100	" "	CESANO	BERGAMO	LEGNANO DIV
4.	100	" "	CESANO	BOLZANO	FOLGORE DIV
5.	500	" "	CESANO	MILAN	MANTOVA DIV
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10.	400	EX PIONEERS	ANCONA	ORVIETO	802 BRD
11.	200	EX PIONEERS	CESENA	ORVIETO	802 BRD
12.	200	EX PIONEERS	FORLI	ORVIETO	802 BRD
13.	200	EX PIONEERS	BOLOGNA	ORVIETO	802 BRD

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SUBJECT : Maintenance of Platoon of 3GT Coy.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/5
12 October 1945

TO : H.Q. 3 District

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Ref. your signal GT/1803 dated 24 September 1945.

1. M.M.I.A. LO. at Naples had made temporary arrangements with 56 Area for the maintenance of the Platoon of 3G.T. Coy.

2. 56 Area now inform us that they can no longer accept that responsability.

3. It is impossible to keep that Platoon employed in Naples unless it can be adequately maintened and as the Italian Army has no facilities for such maintenance and A.F.H.Q. in their signal C 21868 of 22 September 1945 have informed us that you are unable to undertake further administration, it has been decided to withdrew this Platoon to the remainder of the Coy.

4. Your viewson this subject are awaited, before any action is taken.

GT/1803

Major General
Land Force Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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(M.M.I.A.)

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA

DATE 11 TIME A 0515

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO : DISTWO
MMIA LO MILAN
217 AREA FOR MMIA LO

REF : SD 3006

UNCLASSIFIED

REF MMIA LETTER SD/14/2 DATED 29 AUG (.) PLEASE CONFIRM THAT 2 ITALIAN G T COY LATELY SITUATED B O L O G N A IS NOW DISBANDED

PRECEDENCE R O U T I N E

AUTHENTICATED:

INTERNAL : A
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Subject:- Disbandment of Units - Italian

S&T/1803

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-1(BR)/1074/A.1(Ser.3029)
26 Aug 45.

1 & 2 ITALIAN GENERAL TRANSPORT COMPANIES

1. The above mentioned units will be disbanded w.e.f. 25 Aug 45 under the supervisory authorities as shown in conjunction with HQ No 1 District:-

Unit (i)	Organisation (ii)	WE (iii)	Location (iv)	Authority (v)
1 Italian Gen Tpt Coy	(HQ & Sup Coy (Four Tpt Pls	CM/531/1 CM/533/1	FORLI	HQ No 2 District
2 Italian Gen Tpt Coy	(Four RDIs (Mech Engr Pl	CM/532/1 CM/539/1	FLORENCE	HQ No 3 District

2. PERSONNEL.
Will be disposed of under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (MMIA).

3. EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT

(a) All British equipment held in excess of scale set out in Appendix 'B' of AG/400/105 D-O dated 22 Sep 44 will be returned to Ordnance under arrangements of supervisory authorities, and any deficiencies will be notified to MMIA through Ordnance channels.
(b) Italian equipment will be disposed of under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (MMIA).
(c) Vehicles will be returned in accordance with Q(AE), AFHQ, CMF, Instructions No 13, and a list of all vehicles returned will be sent to Q(AE) AFHQ, CMF, and Q(AE)4, GHQ, MEF shewing:-

(i) W.D. Numbers (ii) Type
(uii) Make. (iv) To whom returned

4. POSTAL.
Attention is directed to GRO 683/43.

5. COMPLETION.

(a) Supervisory authorities will report to G.1(B), AFHQ, copy to G-3 (Org/A), Foreign, AFHQ, when disbandments are complete.
(b) Disbandmentsswill be completed by 16 Sep 45.

6. ACK.

??????????????Lt Col.

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??????????????Lt Col.
For Field Marshall,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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SUBJECT: Disbandment of Pt IIA and Pt IIE Units

SA/1803

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/14/2

29 Aug 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1.- ITALIAN INCR TO 11 (BR) GEN HOSP
2.- ITALIAN INCR TO 31 (BR) GEN HOSP
3.- ITALIAN INCR TO 100 (BR) GEN HOSP
4.- ITALIAN INCR TO 32 RECEPTION STA (CLASS A)
5.- 2669 ITALIAN PNR COY (ITALIAN ELEMENT)
6.- 2681 ITALIAN PNR COY "
7.- 2724 ITALIAN PNR COY "
8.- 2725 ITALIAN PNR COY "
9.- 2728 ITALIAN PNR COY "
10.- 2727 ITALIAN PNR COY "
11.- 2726 ITALIAN PNR COY "
12.- 2738 ITALIAN PNR COY "
13.- 2739 ITALIAN PNR COY "
14.- 417 ITALIAN PNR REGT
15.- 803 ITALIAN BASE RFT DEPOT STAFF
16.- 712 ITALIAN WORKSHOP COY
17.- 157 FIRE FIGHTING COY HQ (OVERSEAS)
18.- 615 FIRST CLASS FIRE BRIGADE
19.- 616 FIRST CLASS FIRE BRIGADE
20.- 617 FIRST CLASS FIRE BRIGADE
21.- 618 FIRST CLASS FIRE BRIGADE
22.- 153 FIRE FIGHTING COY HQ (OVERSEAS) (DILUTED)
23.- 9 FIRST CLASS FIRE BDE (DILUTED)
24.- 58 FIRST CLASS FIRE BDE (DILUTED)
25.- 607 FIRST CLASS FIRE BDE (DILUTED)
26.- 608 FIRST CLASS FIRE BDE (DILUTED)
27.- 1 ITALIAN GEN TPT COY
28.- 2 ITALIAN GEN TPT COY

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1. DISBANDMENT

The above mentioned units will be disbanded as shown at Appdx 'A'. Units serials 22-26 release Italian Army personnel only and will be reformed as British units.

2. PERSONNEL

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(a) Personnel will be disposed of in accordance with MMIA signal A 1222 dated 8 Aug 45, except as stated below. The following special instr-

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1.-	[illegible]	ITALIAN INCR TO 14 (BR) GEN HOSP	
2.-		ITALIAN INCR TO 31 (BR) GEN HOSP	
3.-		ITALIAN INCR TO 100 (BR) GEN HOSP	
4.-		ITALIAN INCR TO 32 RECEPTION STA (CLASS A)	
5.-	2669	ITALIAN PNR COY (ITALIAN ELEMENT)	
6.-	2681	ITALIAN PNR COY	"
7.-	2724	ITALIAN PNR COY	"
8.-	2725	ITALIAN PNR COY	"
9.-	2728	ITALIAN PNR COY	"
10.-	2727	ITALIAN PNR COY	"
11.-	2726	ITALIAN PNR COY	"
12.-	2738	ITALIAN PNR COY	"
13.-	2739	ITALIAN PNR COY	"
14.-	417	ITALIAN PNR REGT	
15.-	803	ITALIAN BASE RFT DEPOT STAFF	
16.-	712	ITALIAN WORKSHOP COY	
17.-	157	FIRE FIGHTING COY HQ (OVERSEAS)	
18.-	615	FIRST CLASS FIRE BRIGADE	
19.-	616	FIRST CLASS FIRE BRIGADE	
20.-	617	FIRST CLASS FIRE BRIGADE	
21.-	618	FIRST CLASS FIRE BRIGADE	
22.-	153	FIRE FIGHTING COY HQ (OVERSEAS) (DILUTED)	
23.-	9	FIRST CLASS FIRE BDE (DILUTED)	
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Serial 15 - MMIA letters SD/31/2 of 27 June 45 and 21 Aug 45.

(b) Personnel of 712 Italian Wksp Coy (serial 16) will be despat--ched to R.T.C., I.C.F. CESANO.

3. EQUIPMENT

(a) British equipment will be disposed of under orders of the sup--ervisory authorities. Any deficiencies will be vouchered to you in due course.

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(b) Italian equipment will be returned to Sub Depots by the appropriate Adm Div.

(c) British and Italian equipment required by 807 Transit Camp NAPLES, now in course of formation, will be transferred from 803 BRD (serial 15) in accordance with orders issued by the supervisory authority.

4. REFERENCES

References to AFHQ letters are as follows:-

Serials 1 - 4	- G-1 (BR)/1074/A.1.	(Ser 3001)	dated 23 Aug 45.
" 5 -14	- G-1 (BR)/1074/A.1.	(Ser 3004)	dated 23 Aug 45.
" 15	- G-1 (BR)/1074/A.1.	(Ser 3031)	dated 25 Aug 45.
" 16	- G-1 (BR)/1074/A.1.	(Ser 3030)	dated 25 Aug 45.
" 17 -21	- G-1 (BR)/1082/A.1.	(Ser 2998)	dated 23 Aug 45.
" 22 -26	- G-1 (BR)/1030/A.1.	(Ser 3000)	dated 23 Aug 45.
" 27 -28	- G-1 (BR)/1074/A.1.	(Ser 3029)	dated 26 Aug 45.

F. , Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: -1 District
-2 District
3 District
13 Corps
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MMIA LO's MILAN (Three)
1 District (Two) to incl Capt Herbert
2 District
3 District
c/o 55 Area
Penbase
Pensouth
Florence City Comd (Two)
c/o 86 Area
54 Area

Internal: A (Two) SD/10/2
Q (Three) SD/55/2
RE SD/6/2
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MED SD/12/2
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(a) No	(b) UNIT	(c) LOCATION	(d) WE	(e) WE STRENGTHS Offrs	ORs	(f) EFFECTIVE DATE	(g) COMPLETION DATE	SUP
1.	Italian Incr to 11 (BR) Gen Hosp	IESI	CM/347/2	-	30	1 Aug	30 Sept	
2.	Italian Incr to 31 (BR) Gen Hosp	AREZZO	CM/347/2	-	30	1 Aug	30 Sept	
3.	Italian Incr to 100 (BR) Gen Hosp	PERUGIA	CM/347/2	-	50	1 Aug	30 Sept	
4.	Italian Incr to 32 Recptn Sta Class A	ANCONA	CM/1517/1	-	8	1 Aug	30 Sept	
5.	2669 Italian Pnr Coy(It.element)	TARANTO	(VI/396/1 HQ & IV/72/B	6	295			
		"	"	6	295			
6.	2681 Italian Pnr Coy(It.element	"	"	6	295	31 Aug 45	23 Sept	
7.	2724 Italian Pnr Coy(It.element	"	"	6	295			
8.	2725 Italian Pnr Coy(It.element	"	"	6	295			
9.	2726 Italian Pnr Coy(It.element	"	"	6	295			
10.	2727 Italian Pnr Coy(It.element	"	(VI/396/1 HQ & IV/72/B	6	347			
11.	2728 Italian Pnr Coy(It.element	"	"	6	347			
12.	2738 Italian Pnr Coy(It.element	"	"	6	347			
13.	2739 Italian Pnr Coy(It.element							
14.	HQ 417 ITALIAN PNR REGT							
	HQ	MONZA	CM/812/1	9	27			
	HQ 1 Bn 417 Italian Pnr Regt	MONZA	CM/813/1	4	11			
	HQ 2 Bn 417 Italian Pnr Regt	MONZA	CM/813/1	4	11			
	297 Italian Pnr Coy	SAN GIORGIO	CM/810/1	5	209	31 Aug	23 Sept	
		CECINA	CM/810/1	5	209			
	298 Italian Pnr Coy	BOLOGNA	CM/810/1	5	209			
	299 Italian Pnr Coy	CASTEL MAGGIORE	CM/810/1	5	209			
	300 Italian Pnr Coy	MESTRE	CM/810/1	5	209			
		PADERMO	CM/810/1	5	209			
	301 Italian Pnr Coy	UDINE	CM/810/1	5	209			
	302 Italian Pnr Coy							
	303 Italian Pnr Coy							

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Appendix 'A' to M.I.A. letter SD/14/2 dated 29 August 45.

(c) LOCATION	(d) WE	(e) WE STRENGTHS Offrs	ORs	(f) EFFECTIVE DATE	(g) COMPLETION DATE	(h) SUPERVISORY AUTHY	(j) ITAL. ADM DIV RESPONSIBLE FOR PERSONNEL & EQUIPMENT
IESI	CM/347/2	-	30	1 Aug	30 Sept	1 Dist	209 Adm Div
AREZZO	CM/347/2	-	30	1 Aug	30 Sppt	1 Dist	230 Adm Div
PERU-GIA	CM/347/2	-	50	1 Aug	30 Sept	1 Dist	230 Adm Div
ANCONA	CM/1517/1	-	8	1 Aug	30 Sept	1 Dist	209 Adm Div
TARAN-TO	(VI/396/1 HQ) (& IV/72/B)	6	295				
"	"	6	295				
"	"	6	295				
"	"	6	295	31 Aug 45	23 Sept	3 Dist	227 Adm Div
"	"	6	295				
"	"	6	295				
"	(VI/396/1 HQ) (& IV/72/B)	6	347				
"	"	6	347				
"	"	6	347				
MONZA	CM/812/1	9	27			HQ 2 Dist	231 Adm Div
MONZA	CM/813/1	4	11			HQ 2 Dist	231 Adm Div
MONZA	CM/813/1	4	11			HQ 2 Dist	231 Adm Div
SAN GIORGIO	CM/810/1	5	209			HQ 13 Corps	228 Adm Div
CECINA	CM/810/1	5	209	31 Aug	23 Sept	HQ 2 Dist	230 Adm Div
BOLOGNA	CM/810/1	5	209			HQ 2 Dist	209 Adm Div
CASTEL MAGGIORE	CM/810/1	5	209			HQ 2 Dist	209 Adm Div
MESTRE	CM/810/1	5	209			HQ 13 Corps	228 Adm Div
PADERMO	CM/810/1	5	209			HQ 13 Corps	228 Adm Div
UDINE	CM/810/1	5	209			HQ 13 Corps	228 Adm Div

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	417 ITALIAN PNR REGT (cont'd)						
	304 Italian Pnr Coy		CM/810/1	5	209		
	305 Italian Pnr Coy	FAUGLIA	CM/810/1	5	209		
	306 Italian Pnr Coy	PRATO	CM/810/1	5	209	31 Aug	23 Sept
	307 Italian Pnr Coy	CASTEL MAGGIORE	CM/810/1	5	209		
	308 Italian Pnr Coy	PIACENZA	CM/810/1	5	209		
15.	803 Italian Base Rft Depot Staff	RAVISCAN--INA	CM/730/1	91	5[illegible]	15 Aug	15 Sept
16.	712 Italian Workshop Coy	NAPLES	CM/1515/1	4	305	25 Aug	15 Sept
17.	157 Fire Fighting Coy HQ (Overseas)	NAPLES	IV/138/1 (Mod)	1	3	25 Aug	13 Sept
18.	615 First Class Fire Bde	ROME	IV/80/2 (Mod)		23	25 Aug	13 Sept
19.	616 First Class Fire Bde	NAPLES	IV/80/2 (Mod)		23	25 Aug	13 Sept
20.	617 First Class Fire Bde	CASORIA	IV/80/2 (Mod)		23	25 Aug	13 Sept
21.	618 First Class Fire Bde	SALERNO	IV/80/2 (Mod)		23	25 Aug	13 Sept
22.	153 Fire Fighting Coy HQ (Overseas) (Diluted)	BARI	IV/138/1	1	3	25 Aug	
23.	9 First Class Fire Bde (Diluted)	TARANTO	IV/80/2		23	25 Aug	
24.	58 First Class Fire Bde (Diluted)	BARI	IV/80/2		23	25 Aug	
25.	607 First Class Fire Bde (Diluted)	BRINDISI	IV/80/2		23	25 Aug	
26.	608 First Class Fire Bde (Diluted)	BARLETTA	IV/80/2		23	25 Aug	
27.	1 Italian Gen Tpt Coy	FORLI	CM/531/1	9	360	25 Aug	16 Sept
		each	CM/533/1				
			CM/532/1				
28.	2 Italian Gen Tpt Coy	FLORENCE	CM/539/1	9	360	25 Aug	16 Sept

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'd)							
	CM/810/1	5	209				
FAUGLIA	CM/810/1	5	209			HQ 2 Dist	
PRATO	CM/810/1	5	209	31 Aug	23 Sept	HQ 2 Dist	230 Adm Div
CASTEL MAGGIORE	CM/810/1	5	209			HQ 2 Dist	230 Adm Div
PIACENZA	CM/810/1	5	209			HQ 2 Dist	209 Adm Div
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aff RAVISCAN--INA	CM/730/1	91	514	15 Aug	15 Sept	HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
NAPLES	CM/1515/1	4	305	25 Aug	15 Sept	HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
eas) NAPLES	IV/138/1 (Mod)	1	3	25 Aug	13 Sept	HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
ROME	IV/80/2 (Mod)		23	25 Aug	13 Sept	HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
NAPLES	IV/80/2 (Mod)		23	25 Aug	13 Sept	HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
CASORIA	IV/80/2 (Mod)		23	25 Aug	13 Sept	HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
SALERNO	IV/80/2 (Mod)		23	25 Aug	13 Sept	HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
eas)							
d) BARI	IV/138/1	1	3	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
ed) TARANTO	IV/80/2		23	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
ed) BARI	IV/80/2		23	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
ed) BRINDISI	IV/80/2		23	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
ed) BARLETTA	IV/80/2		23	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
FORLI	(CM/531/1	9	360	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
each	(CM/533/1				16 Sept	HQ 2 Dist	209 Adm Div
	(CM/532/1						
FLORENCE	(CM/539/1	9	360	25 Aug	16 Sept	HQ 3 Dist	230 Adm Div

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	CM/810/1	5	209				
FAUGLIA	CM/810/1	5	209			HQ 2 Dist	
PRATO	CM/810/1	5	209	31 Aug	23 Sept	HQ 2 Dist	230 Adm Div
CASTEL MAGGIORE	CM/810/1	5	209			HQ 2 Dist	230 Adm Div
PIACENZA	CM/810/1	5	209			HQ 2 Dist	209 Adm Div
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ROME	IV/80/2 (Mod)		23	25 Aug	13 Sept	HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
NAPLES	IV/80/2 (Mod)		23	25 Aug	13 Sept	HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
CASORIA	IV/80/2 (Mod)		23	25 Aug	13 Sept	HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
SALERNO	IV/80/2 (Mod)		23	25 Aug	13 Sept	HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
BARI	IV/138/1	1	3	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
TARANTO	IV/80/2		23	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
BARI	IV/80/2		23	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
BRINDISI	IV/80/2		23	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
BARLETTA	IV/80/2		23	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dist	227 Adm Div
FORLI	(CM/531/1	9	360	25 Aug		HQ 3 Dust	227 Adm Div
each	(CM/533/1 (CM/532/1				16 Sept	HQ 2 Dist	209 Adm Div
FLORENCE	(CM/539/1	9	360	25 Aug	16 Sept	HQ 3 Dist	230 Adm Div

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SUBJECT :- Maintenance No.3 Italian G.T. Coy.

ST.

CONFIDENTIAL

56 BLU
11 AG

9 Oct 45.

DDST
HQ No.2 District

NTR

Reference your 4410/1/ST3 dated 29 Aug 45.

1. Unfortunately owing to the DADST 56 BLU being away on LIAP throughout September, and the general shortage of Officers, a report on the above Coy has been delayed.

2. DADST 56 BLU visited the Coy on the 8 Oct 45 and a report is attached.

In The Field,
RCT/ajw

Lt Col
GS

Copies to :- HQ MMLA ROME ADJT.
MMLA LO GENOA ST.
HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

DDST

See ref

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HQ No.2 District

NTR

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MMLA LO GENOA ST.
HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

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REPORT ON 3 ITALIAN GT COY - GENOA.

1. DISPOSITION OF COY.

HQ and Wksp Plns - S.I.A.C.
Iron Works
CORNIGLIANO.
GENOA.

No.1 Tpt Pln - LEGHORN.
No.2.Tpt Pln - GENOA.
No.3 Tpt Pln - GENOA.
No.4 Tpt Pln - NAPLES.

2. OC - Major VINCENTELLI.

3. MT VEHICLES - MAINTENANCE.

The majority of the vehicles of No's 2 and 3 platoons were away on duty, transporting supplies etc from British depots to Italian depots. The only vehicles available for inspection were mostly VOR due to severe damage from road accidents or in the case of fair wear and tear held up for MT spares. AB's 412 and 406 are in operation. The Task System ostensibly is in operation but the vehicles show lack of lubrication, tyre maintenance, cleanliness, and general well being. The workshops are holding a number of accident - damaged vehicles, which appear in many cases to have been cannibalised, and the remains of the chassis and bodies are lying outside the shops. Two workshop lorries are held, one of which is unserviceable due to the chain drive from the gearbox being defunct. The OC Coy states the vehicle was drawn in this condition. The workshop accommodation is good, except that the shops staff are sleeping within the building. The vehicle parks are quite satisfactory, standings are solid and a good approach. There is no officer in charge of the workshops, and the OC Coy combines this duty with his other duties. This is considered unsatisfactory. All POL for the Coy is drawn from the Italian Territorial HQ GENOA.

4. MAN-management & HYGIENE.

This is bad. Cookhouses are dirty, ill conceived and casual. Billets are overcrowded, unhygienic, although the building itself is good. Ablutions are ill-kept, Latrines again ill-kept. The spirit and morale of the soldiers appears to be low and generally it is considered that discipline is poor.

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6. SYSTEM OF COMMAND.

(a) The Coy receives its daily working details from MMTA LO.

(b) For maintenance and discipline they come under command of the Combat Group MANTOVA.

(c) POL they draw from the GENOA Territorial HQ Depot.

(d) HQ 231 Adm Div (ITI) have informed the Coy that they are the Coy's next higher authority.

(e) MT spares appear to be drawn at odd periods through 'F' ELU CESANO.

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It is considered that the Coy should be placed under command of the GENOA Territorial HQ for all purposes as this would obviously assist the CC Coy.

CONCLUSION.

It is regretted that this report is not very detailed on the most vulnerable points of the GT Coy but owing to the deployment of the Coy in Italy, and the time limiting factor, a fuller report is not possible. It can be seen however that the Coy is not satisfactory in either its operational side or its Adm side.

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Subject:- LIAISON REPORT (S&T No.4)

ST.MMIA.LO. N.W.ITALY
60 Sub Area
C.M.F.

GEN/13/G(SD)

9 Oct 1945

To:- HQ. MMIA ROME

Copy to:- MMIA (for S&T)
Senior L.O.(N.W.ITALY)

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2. TRANSPORT

(a) DADST 56 BLU has now returned from LIAP and he has been informed of the condition of 3 GT Coy; understand he carried out an inspection, the report will be forwarded as soon as received.

(b) Ref para 2(c) Liaison Report No.3. Two soldiers have been charged by the SIB for illegal use of WD transport for the purpose of carrying 30 sacks of Flour for Italian civilians. This has been passed to 56 BLU for attention.

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UNIT		Authorised Vehicle Holding M/Cs	P/Vs	L/Cs	S/Vs	REMARKS
Efficient Vehicle Parks						
No 1 EVP	(Rome)	3	1	2	-	
No 2 EVP	(Naples)	3	1	2	-	
No 3 EVP	(Bari)	3	1	2	-	
2nd 4th EVP	(location not yet assigned)	3	1	2	-	

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L.O. Gen's Gen/12/D of 18 Sept. 45 to MTO rpts that one of the 2 cars in the Irradiation - a Standard P.U - is in good condition with the exception of tyres

60 Sub Area required what action has been taken against these soldiers; this will be passed to you as soon as received.

(c) During the week three members of 3 GT Coy sang the "Giovinezza" Anthem whilst on parade; the result is shown in attached press cutting.

3. GENERAL

(a) Owing to both staff cars being in Workshop the whole of the week, and it being impossible to obtain any transport whatsoever, this office has been "immobile" most of the week. If S&T L.O. is to be highly mobile a reliable vehicle must be issued in lieu of the cars at present here. Local RASC W/Shop agree that the vehicles are unreliable but say they do not warrant a BLR certificate. The past fortnight have brought numerous punctures and mechanical breakdown requiring REME assistance.

(b) The past month has seen considerable improvement in the work of Lt.Col. Rottura. Both Major Ge and myself agree that he should remain in Genoa if the Ministry of War will consent. The Commissariato Milan unless an improvement takes place will have to be charged. They do not comply with instructions regarding the submitting of informations promptly and in most cases the information is unreliable.

AC/lr

S/Capt. RASC.
ST.EMIA.LO.
N.W. ITALY.

Gp (210 y 18 Sqt (8 MTO)

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A. ROME

File : ST/1803 Date : 1 Oct 45

SUBJECT: Admin Responsibility - 3 GT Coy.

TO : 'Q'

Ref flagged letter "A".

1. Representations have already been made by this office to 2 District - vide flagged letter "B".

2. In the absence of any definite information to the contrary, it is assumed that No. 3 GT Coy is still BR-ITI, and therefore 2 District through 56 ELU is responsible for Admin and Discipline of the unit.

WNAM/gmc

Lt.Col.
A.D.S.T.

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Subject:- 3 GT Coy.

ST.MARIA.LO. N.W.ITALY
60 Sub Area

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4 Oct 1945

S.T

To:- MMIA.HQ.(for S&T) ROME

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Ref your ST/1803 dated 29 Sept 45.

Neither 56 BLU nor Ufficio Servizi - No.2 Territorial Command have been informed about the unsatisfactory state of 3 GT Coy for the following reasons:

1. Being a BR-ITI and under command 2 District for Administration and Discipline this office has refrained from interfering with the running of the Company so long as it has been able to meet this office's operation requirements.

2. 56 BLU should be aware of the lack of discipline in the Company by the number of charges that have been received from the British Military Police and passed to them for action.

As far as can be ascertained no representative of the BLU has visited the Coy, the suggestion in your report of the 6th Sept para 9 has not received any attention from them.

A copy of a letter received from 21 Div. regarding Command is enclosed herewith for your attention; please inform this office of the position.

It is suggested that a full investigation in the Company's activity be carried out, particularly at Leghorn.

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Translation GC/gc

HEADQUARTERS 231 DIVISION

2597/ORD. Milan, APO 167, 27 Sept 45

Subject: 3 Transport Unit.-

TO : HQ 2 GUARD BRIGADE A.P.O. 216

We were informed by S.A.C.M.E. that 3 Transport Unit formerly under the command of the "PICENO" Division, has been transferred to this HQ for disciplinary and administrative purposes w.e.f. 10 August 1945.

Above unit is at present located at Genoa but the exact location is not known; your HQ is requested to locate unit in question and to invite the C.O. to report urgently to this HQ. Division.

By Order
THE CHIEF OF STAFF
/s/ Lt Col Ag. Varrone

HQ. II GUARD BRIGADE

No. 658/Add. A.P.O. 216, 2 October 45

TO: HQ. 3 TRANSPORT UNIT APO 216

INFO TO:

HQ. 231 DIVISION APO 167
HQ MILITARY GARRISON GENOA

.....for compliance.

Hq 231 Division will be informed that 3 Transport Unit APO 216 is at present located at Cornigliano, Officine SIAC Phone No. 43802.

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER
/s/ COLONEL C. Ciotoli

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COMANDO 23I DIVISIONE
No.2097/ORD. di prot. Milano, PM 167 27/9/45

Oggetto: 3 Reparto Trasporti.

AL COMANDO II BRIGATA GUARDIA P.M. 216

Lo S.M.K.E. ha comunicato che il 3° Reparto Trasporti, già dipendente dal Comando Divisione "Piceno", sotto la data del 10 Agosto c.a., é passato alle dipendenze disciplinari ed amministrative di questo Comando.

Il suddetto Reparto trovasi attualmente a Genova ma non si conosce l'indirizzo; si prega codesto Comando di ricercarlo ed invitare il Comandante a presentarsi d'urgenza a questo Comando di Divisione.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI S.M.
f° T.Col.Ag. Varrone

COMANDO II BRIGATA GUARDIA

No. 658/Add. di prot. P.M.216 2 Ottobre 1945

AL COMANDO 3 REPARTO TRASPORTI P.M. 216

e, per conoscenza,

AL COMANDO 23I DIVISIONE
S.M. Uff.Op. ed Ordinamento P.M. 167

AL COMANDO PRESIDIO MILITARE DI GENOVA

.....per l'ottemperanza.

Al Comando 23I Divisione si comunica che il 3 Rep.Trasporti P.M.216 é attualmente dislocato a Cornigliano -Officine SIAC telefono 43802.

IL COLONNELLO COMTE
f.to G. Ciotoli

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Tentato saccheggio del magazzino viveri di Corniglia[illegible]

La numerosa banda messa in fuga dai carabinieri dopo un intenso fuoco di moschetteria

Verso la mezzanotte di ier l'altro, una nutrita sparatoria echeggiava a monte del porto di Corniglia[illegible], nei pressi del Magazzino viveri colà situato.

Per la terza volta in breve spazio di tempo, una banda di sconosciuti armati — questa volta più numerosa e più decisa delle precedenti — si era appressata al deposito, tentando di introdursi nell'interno, per poi saccheggiare il deposito stesso.

I militari di guardia sparavano ripetutamente sugli assalitori, i quali risposero al fuoco; dopo pochi minuti giungevano i carabinieri di Sestri, telefonicamente chiamati a rinforzo; cosicchè alla banda assalitrice non restava che squagliarsi in fretta attraverso il greto del Polcevera. Pare che, tra i banditi, vi sia qualche ferito.

Il grave fatto è assai commentato e stigmatizzato dalla popolazione della zona, che, anche a guerra finita, non riesce ad avere un po' di serenità.

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Copy for T — To S&T — 147

Subject:- Liaison Report(S&T No. 3).-

ADST hq — copy sent to Caserta 8/10

S&T MEDIA IO., N.W. ITALY,
66 Sub Area,
C.M.F.

GEN/13/30
29 September 1945

ST/1803

To:- M.M.I.A., ROME (4 copies).

1. Supplies.-

a. General

(i) During the week notification has been received that the under mentioned tonnage (gross) has been despatched ex 13 CRASC (Supply Unit) on account of Maintenance 21 Sept - 5 Oct.-:

GENOA	360	TURIN	47
MILAN	123	ALESSANDRIA	33

(ii) Commencing Monday 1st Oct the first of the co-ordinating conference is being held in Milan, this office GEN/14 dated 25 Sept refers.

(iii) Another attempted raid was made on the Distribution Depot on the night of 26/27 Sept; report attached, including a press report from "IL LAVORO NUOVO" dated 28 Sept 45. This is the third attack against this Depot and on each occasion the Guard have acted well and it is suggested that some congratulating message be sent to the Commanding Officer of 515 Guard Bn.

b. Visits and Inspections.-

(i) During the week visits have been paid to the Genoa Bulk Depot, Distribution Depot and Bakery accompanied by Major Ge; various points were brought out.

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(ii) Major Ge visited the Turin Installation and will be rendering a separate report; in this connection additional premises have been found and are being put in order by the Engineers.

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(111) The following depots were inspected during the week by Capt Cotton; separate report have been rendered: Genoa Bulk Depot, Milan Distribution Depot.

2. Transport.-

a. A visit to 3 G.T. Coy showed a certain about of improvement. The OC Coy is visiting his platoon at Leghorn and Naples, and as he has many points for discussion he hopes to call on the ADST about the 2nd Oct.

b. During the week an anonymous letter was received concerning the company's activities in Leghorn; this was passed to HQ. ROAR for any necessary action.

c. Attached is a statement from 200 Prov. Coy Rome. I have requested the SIO to make enquiries in view of the fact that the vehicle was not authorized to make a journey from Genoa to Rome neither was it necessary for flour to be transported between these places.

Captain, RASC.,
SAT MMIA LO.,
N.W. Italy

Copy: Senior LO (N.W. Italy)
MMIA for SAT
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Appendix 1.-

Attempted raid on 2 Distribution Depot Genoa

At approx 2315 hours on the 26th Sept, some unknown civilians armed with automatic weapons attacked the sentries. The attack came from the shore of the river and the rubble and banks formed excellent cover for the attaching party.

The Guard from 519 Guard Bn., consisting of 1 officer and 35 ORs assisted by Depot personnel searched the immediate area and arrested 8 civilians who were released after questioning by the Military Police. The Depot informed the Territorial Command, CC.RR. and 519 Guard Battalion and reinforcement were despatched but the attackers withdrew and got away.

The opinion is that these attacks are not designed in order to obtain foodstuffs but in order to test the re-action of the Italian Guards.

REPORT

To:- THE OFFICER COMMANDING
200 PROVOST COMPANY,
C.M.POLICE.

Sir,

I have to report that at ROME on the 23rd September 1945, at about 2045 hrs, I was on duty in Via STATILIA, accompanied by L/Cpl. C. GRAYSON - C.M.POLICE, where I saw a 3 ton Truck standing unattended at the side of the road. Upon examination I found it to be a DODGE No.L.5689281 and that it had been immobilised. At this moment an Italian soldier appeared and I asked him if he was the driver of the vehicle, to which he replied, "No." I then asked him if he knew the driver and he replied, " Yes I will get him."

A few minutes later another Italian soldier appeared and said he was the driver. I pointed out the offence to him and asked him if he was in possession of an AF G3518, whereupon he produced one which was quite in order for a journey from GENOA to ROME.

I then examined the rear of the vehicle and found it to contain 30 sacks of flour.

The particulars of the driver were then obtained verbally and checked from his Identity Card as follows:-

Sold. BRUNIAGO GIOVANNI,
2nd PLOTONE, 3rd REPARTO TRASPORTI,
3rd G.T. COY., GENOA.

The particulars of the other soldier who stated that he was in charge of the vehicle were obtained in the same way as follows:-

Serg.Magg. PARISI GIUSEPPE,

of the same unit.

I then told this NCO that this incident would be reported and allowed him to proceed.

There is nothing further to report.

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ROME
23rd September 1945

W.S. Todd
Cpl.,
200 Provost Company.
(W.S. TODD).

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Lt.Col.
A.D.S.T. 261

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SUBJECT :- 3 G.T. Coy.

BT/1803

29 Sept 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 726

To :- MMIA LO, c/o 60 Sub-Area.

1. Ref your S & T Liaison Report dated 25 Sept 45 para 2.

2. Please state what action has been taken to resolve the chaos and whether the position has been reported to 56 HQ or Traffic Service No 2 Terr Cmd.

Steady POST

WBB61/ag

for Lt. Col. ADJT.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

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FROM: V MEC AE 32 2VT1
GEN: MILA LO DISTRICT 210530A
TO: MILA
INFO: 88 AREA 227 DIV
ET

SECRET • UNCLASSIFIED • REF YOURS ST/1803 OF 24 SEP • UNDERSTAND
ST 88 AREA WILLING ASSIST ARRANGEMENTS MAINTENANCE A PLATOON
ITALIAN GT COY • THEREFORE SUGGEST SHOULD NOT BE WITHDRAWN FOR TIME
BEING AS FULLY OCCUPIED BY ITALIANS AND DISARMENTS
ET 230930A
SIM GR 32 NL AR TIS X
DECD TWS 23/1214A

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MMIA 26/28 SIGNALS

N57/28 WC/28

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Subject :- Distribution No 2 Int. Cpy.

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
MMIA
Tel : 469021 Ext 526

SI/1803
27 Sept 45.

To :- 2 DIRECTOR (2)

1. Attached extract from a report by the MMIA Lo, M.W.ITALY concerning Re 3 C.T. Cay is forwarded for your information.

2. It would be most appreciated if SS R.A.U. could render the Mission Group in improving the state of affairs set out therein - this office letter SI/1803 of 25 August also refers.

3. If it is thought desirable to change any of the officers in this company, this HQ can arrange with the Italian War Ministry to implement the necessary postings.

for Lt. Col. ADJT.
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

VHSM/ag

Copies to :- SEC MMIA LO, M.W.ITALY.
W/S 60 sub-area.
MMIA., Min of War.

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SUBJECT :- Mandolins No 3 G.T. Coy.

MT/1803

27 Sept 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
Tel : 1690021 Ext 526

To :- 2 MATRICK (2)

1. Attached extract from a report by MMIA 10, N.W.ITALY concerning No 3 G.T. Coy is forwarded for your information.

2. It would be much appreciated if 56 B.I.U. could assist the Mantova Group in improving the state of affairs set out therein - this office letter MT/1803 of 25 August also refers.

3. If it is thought desirable to change any of the officers in this company, this HQ can arrange with the Italian War Ministry to implement the necessary postings.

for Lt. Col. ADJT.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

WMMM/mg

Copies to :- MMIA 10, N.W.ITALY.
c/o 56 sub-area
MMIA., Min of War.

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Extract from 5th Division - Report No 1 M.G. Italy.

(ii) Pay Parade of 3 C.T. Coy was detained with 2 civilian employees of 42 BSD on the 11th September for stealing 112 lbs of sugar. The OC 42 BSD requested I visit him as on that day he had lost 7 sacks of sugar each containing 112 lbs. Apparently the method adopted was when a vehicle was loaded civilian employees aided by the Italian driver would load on a sack of sugar; same would be disposed of by the driver outside the British Depot.

(iii) Discipline of the Company gets worse every day; not but below are details of charges preferred against members of the company by the British Military Police, Genoa during the month of September.

Traffic offences ; Improper use of W/T vehicles — 6 cases; 1 officer carrying civilian furniture

Improper possession of money and improper use of W/T vehicles — 1 NCO carrying civilian for hire for about 70,000 lire.

Sgd/ ??????????
Captain, RASC.
S & T MIA 15
M.M. I T A L Y.

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Subject :- Disbanding No 2 C.S. Coy.

SS/1803

27 Sept 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
Tel : 460284 Ext 765

To :- 2 DISTRICT (2)

1. Attached extract from a report by 92F MMIA LO, M.W.IT.LY concerning No 2 C.S. Coy is forwarded for your information.

2. It would be much appreciated if 92 M.I.U. could assist the Modena Group in improving the state of affairs set out therein - this office letter SS/1803 of 25 August also refers.

3. If it is thought desirable to change any of the officers in this company, this HQ can arrange with the Italian War Ministry to implement the necessary postings.

MMM/sg

Sup Lt. Col. AD/PS,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

Copies to :- 92F MMIA LO, M.W.ITALY.
c/o 60 Sub-Area
MMIA., Rim of Ther.

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Extract from ML Diary - Report No.1 K.F. Italy.

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Sgd/ ??????????
Captain, RASC.
2 A T MESA 10
M.E. I T A L Y.

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Subject:- Complaints

179/CA/135

MMIA
HQ, 60 Sub Area

1. The attached anonymous complaint in respect of No 3 Italian General Transport Company, is passed for any action you consider necessary.

S/1803

Captain
Officer Commanding
179 Provost Company
C M Police
C M F

In the Field
25th Sept 45
HH

Recd 26.9.45

MMIA

Ref telephone conversation.
Pass to you please.

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Translation GC/gc 137

20 Sept 1945

CENTRAL MILITARY POLICE

It is my duty to inform you of the shameful operation of the 3 G.T. Coy, caused by all officers of said unit. Same is to be said in regard to the 1st Section located at Leghorn.

Half of vehicles of unit in question are running on every route with false documents and without being authorized by the Allied Command for the purpose of contrabanding stuff. It is necessary to check thoroughly both on vehicles and petrol.

With the excuse of carrying out supplying for troops they transporting sizeable quantities of foodstuffs for their own while soldiers of above unit are lacking ration entitled to it. I deem it opportune to take some action in order to stop promptly any kind of contraband as a basis of a good operation.

Even today about 10 lorries are on detail illegally.

If no action is taken on the matter I will apply to Higher Authorities.

Regards

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Subject:- Liaison Report (S&T No.2)

c/o 60 Sub Area
C.M.F.
GEN/I3/SD
25 September 1945

To:- M.M.I.A., Rome (4 copies).-

1. Supplies.-

a. General.

(i) During the week ending 23rd September supplies have been distributed to all Distribution Depots ex 42 B.S.D. and the program laid down in ST/191 dated 6 September, para 1A is complete with the exception of certain items which are being despatched ex Ancona.

(ii) Flour ex Naples referred to in teleprint ST/989 dated 5 September has all arrived with exception of that for Alessandria, this is being checked with LO Naples.

b. Visits and Inspections.

(i) Inspection of Alessandria Distribution Depot was carried out on the 19th Sept; please see separate report forwarded 20th Sept.

(ii) Visit was paid to Milan on the 21st Sept when a discussion was held with Major Ge (Italian "S" Representative M.W. Italy); it was decided that he would return to Genoa with Capt Cotton on the 24th Sept.

(iii) A short visit was paid to Distribution Depot Milan and an improvement since my last visit was noticed.

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2. Transport.-

A visit was paid to 3 G.T. Coy- complete "chaos".

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3. General.-

CSM Tudor has been called to Rome for release and will be leaving for Rome on the 25th Sept.

S/Captain, RASC.
S&T MMIA LO,
N.W. Italy

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MMIA for S&T (1)
File (1)

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMLA 24 1530 A

TO : DISTRES

Ad 140

RESTRICTED (.) ST/1803 (.) FOR MMLA LO (.) IN VIEW DIFFICULTIES REGARDING MAINT OF PL 3 GF GOV NOW IN NAPLES PROPOSE TO MOVE PL HQ GF DISTRICT AREA IN NEAR FUTURE (.) REQUEST YOU START EARLIEST DATE THIS PL CAN BE RELEASED

PRECEDENCE Routine

AUTHENTICATION [signature] for LT.COL

INTERNAL : G (SD)
A (CPS)
C/2

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ
TO : NMTA
INFO : DISTRIB
REF : C 21858

221952 A

UNCLASSIFIED

REFERENCE IS 2961 OF 18 (.) 3 ITAL GY COY VHIS CHOULD BE MAINTAINED UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY YOU IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION (.) DISTRIB UNABLE TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER ADM

SD DISTRIBUTION

Action Copy: SD/6/2
Infos: A
Q (Two)
ST (Two)

Spec Wk - P/A
Mr
Gp 1
2469

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"S & T, MMIA.
Recd 21st Def
Ext. ST/ 1803

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA

DATE 18 TIME 1115A

TO : AFHQ FOR 63 ORG

INFO : DISTHREE
DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

REF : SD 2961

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UNCLASSIFIED

FX 43658 DATED 15 SEPT APPEARS AT VARIANCE WITH FX 34988 DATED 13 AUG (.) MMIA UNABLE UNDERTAKE ADM THIS PL OF 3 ITALIAN GT COY HAVING NO FACILITIES FOR MAINTENANCE OF BRITISH VEHS

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PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

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A
Q (Two)
ST (Two)

File : SD/6/2

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Subject:- Liaison Report (SET No.1)

c/o 60 SUB AREA
C.M.F.

GC(SD)13b
17 September 1945

SM/1803

To:- HQ. M.M.I.A. ROME.-

1. Supplies.-

a. Visits and Inspections.

(i)-Visits were paid on the 10th September, accompanied by the ADST, to Distribution Depots at Alessandria and Milan.

(ii) Alessandria Depot is most unsatisfactory as such, but it is understood that other promises have been found but the Engineer work required to make them habitable is likely to take up to two months.

(iii) It has been suggested that Alessandria be closed and Piacenza be opened up, this would solve the problem referred to in para (ii) in addition would help to relieve the strain on Milan Distribution Depot which at the moment is handling 50% of the Feeding Strenth of N.W. Italy. Capt Cotton carried out a Recce of Piacenza on the 15th September but found that all suitable accomodation had been taken by 10 Indian Division who are establishing their Hq. in addition to all their Maintenance Dump in this Area. If any accomodation is requested in this town the matter will have to be taken up with higher authority.

(iv) On visiting Turin Distribution Depot on the 11th September it can be confirmed that the capacity of this Depot is approx 500,000 rations.

(v) Inspection of 2 Panificio Militare carried out on 14th September; please see separate report despatched to you on that date.

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b. General.-

(i) Distribution of supplies for October Maintenance is pro-

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ssed satisfactory during the week. 800 tons have been despatched ex 42 B.S.D.- 42 BSD informed this office thatbthey could not mxxt their commitment as laid down in your ST/191, para 1 A, dated 6 September; AFHQ have been informed of deficiencies by commodities.

(ii). Attached at appx 1 is a report in connection with an attemped raid on Distribution Depot Genoa.-

2. Transport.

(i) HQ. 3 G.T. Coy now established in new location at SIAC Coke-Ovens Blast, Furnaces and Rolling Mills, Genoa.

(ii) Dvr Picchi of 3 C.T. Coy was detained with 2 civiliane employees of 42 BSD on the 11th September for stealing 112 lbs of sugar. The OC 42 BSD requested I visit him as on that day he had lost 7 sacks of sugar each containing 112 lbs. Apparently the method adopted was when a vehicle was loaded civilian employees aided by the Italian driver would load on a sack of sugar; same would be disposed of by the driver outside the British Depot.

(iii) Discipline of the Company gets worse every day; set out below are details of charge preferred against members of the company by the British Military Police, Genoa during the month of September:

Traffic Offences:	6 OR's
Improper use of W/O vehicles	1 officer carrying civilian furniture
Improper possession of money and improper use of W/O vehicles	1 OR carrying civilian for hire for about 70,000 lire

(iv)Vehicle State (load carriers) as at 15th September is as under:

	W/E	Strength	V.O.R.	Detailed
3 G.T. Company	132	129	15	64
2 Territorial Hq., Admin. Coy	60	35	14246	-

Copy to:- MMIA LO, NW Italy (1)
HQ MMIA for S&T (1)
File (1)

Captain, RASC
S&T MMIA LO
N.W. Italy

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APPX "1"

Incident at 2 Distribution Depot Genoa.-

At approx 0140 hours 10 Sept 45 a hand-grenade was thrown by some unknown persons (approx 6 men) at two sentries on duty at the rear of the Distribution Depot which backs on to a path alongside the river and divide the Depot with 12 British Field Bakery. The sentries replied with rifle fire and were joined by the sentry stationed on the roof. After he had given the alarm. NCC Gregoria Vincenzo immediately phoned CC.RR. Sampierdarena for assistance but was informed none was available. In the meantime Lieut Mirabile of the Distribution Depot despatched all troops to vulnerable points, reinforcing the attacked sentries and informed 2 Guard Coy (1st Guard Regt) by telephone, Hq 2 Territorial Command and Direzione Commissariato. Some soldiers crossed the river-bridge and attempted to apprehend the attackers in the rear but after an exchange of fire the attackers withdrew and escaped.

At approx 0230 hours an armoured car and 30 carabinieri arrived and searched the area without success, and at 0300 hours Capt Regerdi Luigi of 2 Guard Coy arrived with 54 reinforcements and carried out another unsuccessful search in the area and reinforced the Guards.

It is pointed out that the guard under Cpl/Major Di Giambattista Nicola of 519 Guard Bn. was very active in successfully warding off the attack and endeavoring to apprehend the attackers. Further it has since been learnt that an attack was planned on 42 B.S.D. on the night of 9/10 Sept but this did not materialize owing to the fact that the C.C. had "wired" of this and reinforced his Guards by Indian Troops.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT 151310 B

TO : DISTHREE RESTRICTED

INFO : MMIA

REF : FX 43658

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OUR FX 34988 OF 13 AUG AND F 42397 OF 10 SEP NEITHER TO BOTH (.) DISTHREE HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ADM OF PLATOON OF 3 ITALIAN GT COY LOCATED IN DISTHREE AREA

DISTRIBUTION

Action: =SD/6/2

Info: A

Q (two)

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D/S

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*S & T, MMIA.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : M.M.I.A. 11/7/20 B

TO : DILAGENCE PUR MALTA LO

UNCLASSIFIED (.) SEC/1803 (.) YOUR 318/318 DATED 10 (.) EX 34993
DATED 13 AUG ADDRESSED YOU (.) YOUR 318/318 DATED 07 AUGUST 1803
TO SEC/1803 DATED 23 AUG.

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AUTHENTICATION M.M.I.A.

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MMI SIGNALS

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S-832

IMPORTANT

LNGT V MEDN 100363 I

FROM BNIY LO 3 DISTRICT XXXX DISTRICT

TO HQ ICELA

S, T,

VI BI

3010/520 . REF ST/1503 OF 23 AUG . REQUEST SIGNAL CABLIST CONTENTS OF FX SASMO OF 17 AUG . DISTRICT CANNOT TRACE DT 101755

S & T, MMIA.

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SENT 1951 PST

DD IW 100363 PTG AT 1951 AB TKS H

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FROM W MCDY NR 473
TO [illegible] DISTRICT 071750
INFO [illegible]
BT

SDLC/518 . [illegible] 23 AUG . M PL 3 GT DCY MAB
S OUT OF SQ VEHS BY THE REAL . 3 TYRES 6 MECHANICAL
DISTRESS HAS IN HAND EARLY PROVISION MEDIUM TYRES
AND EXSP FACILITIES
BT 071750
SENT MT 476 NL BB1 K
[illegible]

ST

N 1311/07

13/08

-S & T, MMIA 241

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File ST/ 1202

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LEGHORN - 5 Sept.

Visited:- MMIA LO
Platoon No 3 G.T. Coy
246 Sub Area

1. The detachment of No 3 G.T. Coy located at Leghorn is in a pitiful condition. They have no billets, are sleeping mainly in the cabs of their vehicles in the station yard, with a few men in an adjoining shed containing oil and spare tyres, on an earthen floor. The vehicles that were not on detail were very dirty, as were the troops, and it did not appear the the detachment had been properly affiliated to a workshops in the area for inspections and maintenance.

2. I informed the MMIA LO of the position, and then visited 246 Sub Area, who agreed that, although they were in no way responsible for this detachment, they would try and find a better site for it and affiliate it to a local British workshops.

3. The actual strength of the detachment based on Leghorn was 56 loadcarriers, but I asked the MMIA LO to return all except one platoon to Genoa as soon as sufficient vehicles came back from detail.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : M.M.I.A.

TO : MMIA LO CHINA

. UNCLASSIFIED (.) GT/1803 (.) ATTENTION MAJ MILES (.) OC AND EQ No 3
GEN TAT OCX WILL NOT LEAVE CHUANG UNTIL SEPT 5

PROTECTOR: Fale

AUTHENTICATION: [illegible] MMIA LO CHINA

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

ST/1203

To :- ADST. Subject :- Transport Availability At Naples Load Carriers only.

DET 10 ADMIN TPT
CAPUA ZARO

10 ADMIN TPT COY.

Efficient	39	Rated only holding
14 W/S	19	12 Vehicles out of 20
Stolen	8	
Awaiting W/C	13	
	79	WE 93.

PLATOON 3 G.T. COY.

Efficient	16	
W/shops	5	
	21	

Above information obtained by phone from Major GANN, Naples.

Will be confirmed by letter.

NAPLES MISSING 14. T & STOLEN.
CAPUANZARO MISSING 8.

D.A.D.T.

JMO/mg

3 Sept 45

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SUBJECT :- TRANSPORT

51/1803

3 District
BASEBALL 15/Dial 10752
780 Q
31 Aug 45

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA)

ST
MMIA&O

1197

Ref your ST/1803 of 20 Aug 45

1. It is understood that all the arrangements regarding the platoon of No.3 Italian GT Coy were made with MMIA&O this HQ.

2. This office will therefore deal with the question raised in your letter.

C.F. Mason

(C.F.MASON) Maj
for Col
DA & QMG

P.P. This will be taken up by Major Holt
Jubrag 3/9/45

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(1) MOST Ltr. ✓ O N 4/24 129

Allen 24 Oct 11/24

I. E. 10 wks daily Genoa area

LRKD V MEDV NR 23121

GVR1

FROM ST MMIA LO NM ITALY C/O 60 SUB AREA GENOA 231030

TO HQ MMIA ROME

INFO MMIA LO MILAN

GOX GR 124 DT

RESTRICTED (.) STG/58 (.) REFERENCE YOUR ST/1803 OF ~~July~~ 221230 (.)

ONE (.) ANTICIPATED NOW 28 AUGUST SUBJECT NON ARRIVAL FURTHER TRAINS (.)

TWO (.) SUBJECT AFHQ RELEASES WELL IN ADVANCE EIGHT EFFICIENT VEHICLES REQUIRED (.) PAST AVERAGES USELESS ~~FOR~~ OWING TO TIME FACTOR URGENCY (.)

THREE (.) GENOA (.) TWO EFFICIENT VEHICLES ADDITIONAL TO ABOVE ~~REQUIRED~~ MAKING TOTAL TEN (.)

FOUR (.) NONE (.) INSUFFICIENT EFFICIENTS HELD FOR PRESENT OTHER TASKS NOT INCLUDING RATION TRANSFER(.)

FIVE (.) YES (.) GENOA (.) SIX (.) NO (.) 42 BSD NOT RAIL SERVICED TO DEPOT (.) UNECONOMICAL AND IMPRACTICABLE TO MOVE TO BULK DEPOT FROM 42 BSD RAILHEAD BY RAIL (.) DIRECT ~~TRANSF~~ TRANSFER BY M.T. TO RAILHEAD (.)

EIGHT (.) PLEASE REFER TO MY ~~LET~~ LIAISON LOGS FOR AMPLIFICATION (.)

NINE (.) ADDITIONAL VEHICLES MAY BE REQUIRED FOR COLLECTION LOCAL PURCHASE (.)

DT

TMI 1355

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SENT NR 23121 0245/24 KJH AR AR TKS K.

IMI V A WELL LINE 3 K WELL IN ADVANCE

R-024 5B--"JOE"---"AR"TKUVH

S & T, MMIA.

Ltr dtd

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Subject :- Maintenance No 3 Ital C A Coy.

SE/A833

23 Jan 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMA)
ROME
Tel. 1 Base 1/8823 Ext 325

To :- HQ. 2 ITALIAN.

No 3 Italian General Transport Coy had only just completed its formation in Rome when the larger portion of it was ordered North for operations under MMA LO N.W. Italy, and placed under your HQ for Administration. It is felt that the enemy has probably needed more " Gathering " from the point of view of vehicle maintenance and administration than would have been the case with an older unit, and it would be appreciated if a report in respect of the unit could be obtained from 56 MAU for the information of [redacted] HQ, with particular reference to the present standard of vehicle maintenance, and the efficiency of the officers in matters of administration and discipline.

[signature]
Lt Col. AMGE.
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMA)

WHE/ag

Copies to :- MMA LO, N.W. ITALY.
" " c/o 60 Sub-Area.

Internal :- G/2.

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Subject :- No.3 I.T Coy.

ST/1003

23 AUG 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MACA)
PW&E
Bde. i Rome 4/20061 Encl 526

To :- HQ. 3 DIVISION.

Reference AMZ signal ZX 3,933 of 13 August.

1. It is understood that the one platoon of No 3 Italian General Transport Coy now your administrative command has a large no. of V.D.F.

2. It would be much appreciated if you could obtain a report on the condition of this platoon's Tpt from the unit to which it is at present affiliated for K.T reinforcements, and forward a copy to this HQ for information.

for Lt. Col. AMES,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MACA).

WIMS/ag

Copy to :- MACA HQ, 3 DIVISION.

Internal :- Q/2.

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ROME K
NOT FINI GA MAAAZ KKK

ADST A 900

LRKE V MAAZ NR 220080 OVR1

FROM MMIA LO MILAN 221500Z

TO MMIA ROME

2 info Sub Q Info Board Indoor

MMIA LO 60 SUB AREA

QSH GR 60

Q/77 . UNCLASSIFIED . REF YOUR ST1803 OF 18 AUG AND

K Y L E S ST6/58 OF 21 . UNLIKELY C O M I L I T E R GENOA

CAN COMPLETE WITH OWN TPT WHEN 3 GT COY WITHDRAW. WILL MAKE ALL

FUTURE RELEASES LOAD CARRIERS TO G E N O A IN ORDER HELP BUT

PRESENT RATE WILL N O T RPT N O T COMPLETE O R G A N I C O

2 ADM TPT COY BEFORE END S E P T E M B E R . FOR K Y L E .

ANY SUGGESTIONS QUERY

BT 221500Z

5.SENT 1444 DLW DE K
RCD 22/1444Z NRA E

S1 . N 76/22

MMIA 23/22 SIGNALS

G & T, M.I.A.

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Subject :- No 3 Italian G. T. Coy.

ST/1803

22 Aug 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
Tel :- Rome 489081 Ext 526

To :- HQ. 2 DISTRICT.

1. Attached copies of correspondence concerning stores for the above mentioned unit are forwarded for onward transmission to 56 MLU.

2. Your 1026/01 of 8 August refers.

for Lt. Col. ADJT.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

WMSI/ag

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 U.S. ARMY

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Ref. ST/14A
2. August 1945

Subject:- No 3 Italian G.T. Coy.

ST

To :- H.Q. M.M.I.A.

The enclosed instructions contained in DCIET/7/8261 dated 7 August 45, together with previous correspondence on this matter, are forwarded for your information and necessary action.

L. O. Hearth Capt.

W.O. HEARTH Capt.
for C.R. MILFORD Major
D.A.D.S.T.

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PROFORMA "B"

CHIEF INSPECTOR OF MECHANICAL TRANSPORT RASC

Subject:- Workshops Machinery -
N 3 Italian GT Coy.

REF: DCIMT/7/8261
TEL NosAUTO 10605
BASEBALL 247
BASEBALL 188

ADST
"P" British Liaison & Training Unit
RTC ICF CMF

Ref your ST/5/1/108 of 3 August 1945.

1 There has apparently been some misunderstanding by this HQ concerning the equipment of the above unit. Your letter under reference clarifies the position, and the following now obtains in regard to Ord 2 (WXSupply) items:-

(a) Unit should be equipped to SEL 127/2 Scale only. AF G1098/252/1 does NOT apply.

(b) In order to avoid possible further misunderstanding, the action referred to in my DCIMT/7/8091 of 2 August 1945, will remain as stated.

(c) To avoid future duplicate issues, please advise this HQ of any subsequent issues or advice of releases received through Ord channels, issue action by this Branch will then be stopped. Similary before issue is made by thi Branch confirmation of requirements will be requested from you.

(d) WX Supply items now held surplus to SEL 127/2 should be returned to the most convenient of the following addresses and this HQ advised of the items concerned.

CIMT (RASC)
105 RIVIERA DI CHIAIA
NAPLES

or

CIMT (RASC)
ATTACHED STORES SECTION

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NAPLES

or

CIRT (RASC)
ADVANCE STORES SECTION
C/O 1768 INDEP. CO-OPERATOR WORKSHOP PLATOON RASC
FLORENCE

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Please note that items returned should be in serviceable condition as they will be required for re- issue.

(e) The issue from Ord of tool kits equivalent in number and type to those issued by this Branch, should be stopped. If this is not considered possible they should be returned as referred to in (d) above, when Ord issue is received.

Signed.....
Major RASC DCIRT
For Lt.Col. RASC
Chief Inspector

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Subject:- Workshop Plant & Machinery- N°3 Italian G.T. Coy.

"F" British Liaison & Training Unit.
RTC ICF

Ref. ST/5/1/108

3 August 1945

CIMT, RASC
AFHQ

For information
ADST RAAC

Reference your DCIMT/7/8091 dated 2 August 45 and further to my ST/5/1/89 dated 26 July 45.

1 It is noted that the items of workshop plant, at present on loan, enumerated in your letter are to be taken on charge and retained against WE by N°3 G.T. Coy. It is requested ,however, that the following pointsm may be clarified:

(a) As mentioned in para 4 of my above-quoted letter, two plants welding and cutting HP O/A have been received through Ordinance channels in addition to the two plants held on loan from you.

(b) It is thought that this is due to the fact that items of equipment on SML 127/2 of April 44 era been met by Ordinance without indent. This SML includes under Section W3:-

WX-0457	Plants, welding and cutting HP O/A	2
XW-0890	" vulcaniser for tubes, Dunlop N°1, 110 DC	1
WX-0904	Sparking plug cleaner	1
WX-0259	Machines, grinding valve seats	1
WX-0304	" refacing valves	1
WX-0535	" Sewing 45/K58	1

Presumably all the above SML items will be met by Ordinance automatically in the same way as the welding plants.

(c) Under the extract from AF G. 1098/252/1 (Items of Ord & WX Supply) showing items which must be demanded via CIMT, the above items are duplicated and the description and part numbers correspond with the exception of the following:-

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WX-0552 Vulcanizer, H.P. type 7802A/783B, IIO DC.
WX-0562 Spark plug cleaner and tester, battery type.

2 In order to avoid confusion in the duplication of demands, confirmation is requested as to whether the Unit is entitled:-

(a) To all equipment authorised under Section W3 of SEL 127/2 plus extract from AF G. 1098/252/1 (Ord 2.WX Supply).

or (b) To those items of AF G. 1098/252/1 (Ord 2. WX Supply) only.

3 It will be noted that my indent N° 3GT dated 25 July expressly excluded the plants , welding and cutting, as two had already been received trough DADOS this HQ. With the two plants taken on charge in accordance with your istructions the Unit naw has four C/A welding plants.

Colonel
Comd. "F" Britsc Liaison & Training Unit
REC ICF

FYA/rmsc

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CHIEF INSPECTOR OF MECHANICAL TRANSPORT RASC

Subject:-Workshop Machinery.

REF : DCIMT/7/8091
TEL Nos AUTO 10605
BASEBALL 247
BASEBALL 188

OC
"F" British Liaison & training Unit.
RTC ICF

Ref your ST/5/1/89 dated 26.7.45 forwarding demand in respect of 3 Italian GT Coy.

The following items have already been issued on loan to Unit by this Branch, but should naw be retained against establishment.

WX-0456.	Plant Welding & Cutting HP O/A	Qty 2.
WX-0914	Spark plug Cleaner	1
WX-0890	Plant Vulcanizer	1
WX-25056	Stand Erecting & Truing	1
WX-0025	Benches Portable	4
	Chest Tool Blacksmith filled	1
	" " Trimmers filled	1
	" " Electricians filled	1
	" " Coppersmithsx filled	1
	" " Fitters filled	7

the above items have been extracted from demands.

Action has been taken on remainder as follows:-

WX-[redacted]ompressor Air Portable- Qty 1

Released by this HQ, will be despatched as soon as transport is available:

WX-0259	Machine Grinding Valve Seats-	Qty 2.)	Approved
WX-0304	" Refacing Valves -	Qty 2.)	for issue
WX-0535	" Sewing w/stand	)	by this
	and Table, Treadle	1)	Branch. Pas
WX-25056	Stand Erecting & Truing	)	sed to DOS
	Motor Cycle Wheels	1))	for issue

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action. No further action neces-

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WX-0914	Spark plug Cleaner	1
WX-0890	Plant Vulcanizer	1
WX-25056	Stand Erecting & Truing	1
WX-0025	Benches Portable	4
	Chest Tool Blacksmith filled	1
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WX-0535	" Sewing w/stand	)	by this
	and Table, Treadle	1)	Branch. Pas
WX-25056	Stand Erecting & Truing	)	sed to DOS
	Motor Cycle Wheels	1))	for issue

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action. No further action necessary by Unit.

Part N) WB-15366 Outfit Paint Spraying- not controlled Stores-item has therefore been extracted from demand and passed to O.C. Group VIII, for issued in the normal manner.

Signed.....

Major RASC. DCIMT.
For Lt.Col. RASC.
Chief Inspector

Copy to:ADST RAAC
OC N°3 Italian GT Coy.

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PROFORMA "D"

CHIEF INSPECTOR OF MECHANICAL TRANSPORT RASC

Subject:- Workshops Machinery -
H 3 Italian GT Coy.

REF: DCIMT/7/8251
TEL Nos AUTO 10605
BASEDAIL 247
BASERAIL 188

ADST
"T" British Liaison & Training Unit
RTC ICT CMF

Ref your ST/5/1/108 of 3 August 1945.

1 There has apparently been some misunderstanding by this HQ concerning the equipment of the above unit. Your letter under reference clarifies the position, and the following now obtains in regard to Ord 2 (WE Supply) items:-

(a) Unit should be equipped to SEE 127/2 Scale only. AF G1098/252/1 does NOT apply.

(b) In order to avoid possible further misunderstanding, the action referred to in my DCIMT/7/8091 of 2 August 1945, will remain as stated.

(c) To avoid future duplicate issues, please advise this HQ of any subsequent issues or advice of releases received through Ord channels, issue action by this Branch will then be stopped. Similary before issue is made by this Branch confirmation of requirements will be requested from you.

(d) WE Supply items now held surplus to SEE 127/2 should be returned to the most convenient of the following addresses and this HQ advised of the items concerned.

CIMT (RASC)
105 RIVIERA DI CHIAIA
NAPLES

or

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(d) XX Supply items now held surplus to SEL 127/2 should be returned to the most convenient of the following addresses and this HQ advised of the items concerned.

CIMT (RASC)
105 RIVIERA DI CHIAIA
NAPLES

or

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CIMT (RASC)
ADVANCE STORES SECTION
C/O 1768 INDEP. CO-OPERETOR WORKSHOP PLATOON RASC
FLORENCE

Please note that items returned should be in serviceable condition as they will be required for re- issue.

(e) The issue from Ord of tool kits equivalent in number and type to those issued by this Branch, should be stopped. If this is not considered possible they should be returned as referred to in (d) above, when Ord issue is received.

Signed.....
Major RASC DCIMT
For Lt.Col. RASC
Chief Inspector

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Subject:- Workshop Plant & Machinery- N°3 Italian C.T. Coy.

"F" British Liaison & Training Unit,
RTC ICF

Ref. ST/5/1/108

3 August 1945

CTMT, RASC
ATHQ

For information
ADST RAAC

Reference your DCTMT/7/8091 dated 2 August 45 and further to my ST/5/1/89 dated 26 July 45.

1 It is noted that the items of workshop plant, at present on loan, enumerated in your letter are to be taken on charge and retained against WE by N°3 C.T. Coy. It is requested ,however, that the following pointsx may be clarified:

(a) As mentioned in para 4 of my above-quoted letter, two plants welding and cutting HP O/A have been received trough Ordinance channels in addition to the two plants held on loan from you.

(b) It is thought that this is due to the fact that items of equipment on SEL 127/2 of April 45 era been met by Ordinance without indent. This SEL includes under Section WJ:-

WX-0457	Plants, welding and cutting HP O/A	2
XW-0890	" vulcaniser for tubes, Dunlop N°1,110 DC	1
WX-0904	Sparking plug cleaner	1
WX-0259	Machines, grinding valve seats	1
WX-0304	" refacing valves	1
WX-0535	" Sewing 45/K58	1

Presumably all the above SEL items will be met by Ordinance aumatically in the same way as the welding plants.

(c) Under the estract from AF g. 1098/252/1 (Items of Gri 2. WX Supply) showing items which must be demanded via CTMT all the above items are duplicated and the description and part num-

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1 It is noted that the items of workshop plant, at present on loan, enumerated in your letter are to be taken on charge and retained against WE by N°3 G.T. Coy. It is requested ,however, that the following pointsx may be clarified:

(a) As mentioned in para 4 of my above-quoted letter, two plants welding and cutting HP O/A have been received trough Ordinance channels in addition to the two plants held on loan from you.

(b) It is thought that this is due to the fact that items of equipment on SEL 127/2 of April 45 era been met by Ordinance without indent. This SEL includes under Section W3:-

WX-0457	Plants, welding and cutting HP O/A	2
XW-0890	" vulcaniser for tubes, Dunlop N°1,IIC DC	1
WX-0904	Sparking plug cleaner	1
WX-0259	Machines, grinding valve seats	1
WX-0304	" refacing valves	1
WX-0535	" Sewing 45/K58	1

Presumably all the above SEL items will be met by Ordinance aumatically in the same way as the welding plants.

(c) Under the estract from AP g. 1098/252/1 (Items of Ord 2. WX Supply) showing items which must be demanded via DADOS all the above items are duplicated and the description and part numbers correspond with the exception of the following:-

WX-0552 Vulcanizer, H.P. type 7802A/783B, IIC DC.
WX-0562 Spark plug cleaner and tester, battery type.

2 In order to avoid confusion in the duplication of demands, confirmation is requested as to whether the Unit is entitled:-

(a) To all equipment authorised under Section W3 of SEL 127/2 plus extract from AP G. 1098/252/1 (Ord 2. WX Supply).

or (b) To those items of AP G. 1098/252/1 (Ord 2. WX Supply) only.

3 It will be noted that my indent N° 3GT dated 25July expressly excluded the plants , welding and cutting, as two had already been received trough DADOS this HQ. With the two plants taken on charge in accordance with your istructions the Unit new has four O/A welding plants.

Colonel
Comd. "T" Britsc Liaison & Training Unit
RTC ICT

WTA/rssc

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CHIEF INSPECTOR OF MECHANICAL TRANSPORT BASC

Subject:-Workshop Machinery.

REF : DCIMT/7/8091
TEL Nos AUTO 10605
BASEBALL 247
BASEBALL 188

OC
"T" British Liaison & training Unit.
RTC ICF

Ref your ST/5/1/39 dated 26.7.45 forwarding demand in respect of 3 Italian GT Coy.

The following items have already been issued on loan to Unit by this Branch, but should now be retained against establishment.

		Qty
WX-0456.	Plant Welding & Cutting HP O/A	2.
WX-0814	Spark plug Cleaner	1
WX-0890	Plant Vulcanizer	1
WX-25056	Stand Erecting & Truing	1
WX-0025	Benches Portable	4
	Chest Tool Blacksmith Filled	1
	" " Trimmers filled	1
	" " Electricians filled	1
	" " Coppersmithsx filled	1
	" " Fitters filled	7

the above items have been extracted from demands.

Action has been taken on remainder as follows:-

WX-0883 Compressor Air Portable- Qty 1

Released by this HQ, will be despatched as soon as transport is available:

WX-0259	Machine Grinding Valve Seats-	Qty 2.)	Approved
WX-0304	" Refacing Valves -	Qty 2.)	for issue
WX-0535	" Sewing w/stand	)	by this
	and Table, Treadle	1)	Branch. Pas
WX-25056	Stand Erecting & Truing	)	sed to DOS
	Motor Cycle Wheels	225)	for issue
			action. No
			further ac-
			tion neces-
			sary by Unit

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WX-0025	Benches Portable	4
	Chest Tool Blacksmith filled	1
	" " Trimmers filled	1
	" " Electricians filled	1
	" " Coppersmiths filled	1
	" " Fitters filled	7

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WX-0104	" Refacing Valves -	Qty 2.)	for issue
WX-0535	" Sewing w/stand	)	by this
	and Table, Treadle	1)	Branch. Pas
WX-25056	Stand Erecting & Truing	)	sed to DOS
	Motor Cycle Wheels	225)	for issue
			action. No
			further ac-
			tion neces-
			sary by Unit

Part N) WR-15306 Outfit Paint Spraying- not controlled Stores-item has therefore been extracted from demand and passed to O.C. Group VIII, for issued in the normal manner.

Signed.....

Major RASC. DCIET.
For Lt.Col. RASC.
Chief Inspector

Copy to:ADST RAAC
OC N°3 Italian CT Coy.

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6/11/21

LRKB V MEBW 21040 QVR 1

FROM ST MMIA LO NW ITALY C/O 60 SUB AREA GENOA 211000

TO HQ MMIA - ROME

INFO SENIOR MMIA LO NW ITALY MILAN

QQX GR 72

RESTRICTED (.) STG/58 (.) REF HQ MMIA ST 1303 OF 15 AUG AND NW ITALY SIGNAL 072 OF 20 AUG (.) 3 GT COY STILL EMPLOYED IN FERRYING FROM LEGHOR AND 42 BSD TO BULK DEPOT (.) IMPOSSIBLE TO TRANSFER SUPPLIES 42 BSD TO BULK DEPOT AND DISTRIBUTION DEPOTS WITHOUT THIS OR EQUIVALENT TRANSPORT (.) FORMER USE OF BRITISH TRANSPORT FOR PART OF THIS COMMITMEN PRIVATE AND TEMPRARY ARRANGEMENTS ONLY (.) 3 GT COMPANY STILL UNSATISFACTORILY DEPLOYED AND ADMINISTRATED

THI 1155

SENT NR 40 1222 WHH AR TKS

R T LRKB 1222 EAD AR TKU

M.M.I.A. 31/21. SIGNALS

"S & T. MMIA.

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file

MARSAW ROM

BREM : M.M.I.A.

ZO : GENL PER LNCA LO

ZGPO : MILAN FOR NIELO

[illegible] (.) 28/1803 (.) DH MEM (.) [illegible] (.)
[illegible] ADDITIONAL INFO REQUIRED (.) CRS (.) MERI CONSULTING
[illegible] ZAMBONI GENL ARRIVED (.) TWO (.) THE MORE THEY
[illegible] [illegible] AR I S D AND MEK DEAD (.) THEIR (.)
TO WHOM UNDERSIGNED LEAVE IS NOW EFF WED AND ANSWERS NO YEA
[illegible] DAIZ ON THE BASE (.) FOR (.) THE MARK WHEN OF ZOK
AIR EYE CORE REPLACED ON BAMAR RNO AND THOSE ARMOR (.) FIVE (.)
ARE THERE ARE DISCRIMINATION DEPOTS WHICH CANNOT BE SAVING BE MAX.
FROM TRUK DEPOT (.) NEK (.) CAN BASE BE USED FROM AR I S D
TO MEK DEPOT (.) SHORT (.) ARE YOU RAILERS ALTED FORTHEM
[illegible] [illegible] AR I S D TO DISCRIMINATION DEPOTS

2 + 8 pcs

?

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M.M.I.A. 9/24 SIGNALS

LECF / V NAAZ NR 290511

CVT 2

FSCM MMIA LC MILAN 221500Z

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8181

TO MMIA ZZZ LC C/O 6D SUE AREA

8181

INFO MMIA

MMIA LC TURIN

ADST

QSH GR72 BT 108

CZH. UNCLASSIFIED. FOR KYLE. REF MMIA

GZH UNCLASSIFIED.

ST 1805 OF 16 AUG. AS 3 CT COY ENTIRELY USED BY

YOU PLEASE REPLY MMIA WHETHER RAIL TPT CAN REPLACE

ENTIRELY AFTER 31 AUG . FOR MMIA . AVERAGE ~~CE~~ STRENGTH:

1 CMA 2 CMA 3 ~~CMA~~ CMA ADM TPT COY EIGHTEEN VEHS .

AVERAGE OUTPUT LOAD CARRIERS FROM WKCFS FOUR PER WEEK

. OCCUPIERS CAN HARDLY MAINTAIN THEIR ORGANISATIONS

ON THIS TRANSPORT . ADDITIONAL BURDENS NOT RPT NOT AT PRESENT

POSSIBLE .

ST 221520Z .

SENT NR 51 21-2220 KCL DR K

CCH SECOND ZZZ LINE OF TEXT FIRST GROUP ST 1805 IMI ST 1825 K

RD NR 51 2122220Z CDN 6SB MKM

Kreitzman with Kyle. Allen. 21/8.

"G & T, MMIA.

Recd 21 Aug

File ST/ 1803

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Subject :- No 3 ITI G.T. Coy.

SE/1803

18 Aug 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
Rome
Tel : Rome 4/5101 Ext 326

To :- MMIA I/O N.W. ITALY

1. It is probable that orders for the disbandment of No 3 Italian G.T. Coy will be issued by AFHQ to take effect from 31 August.

2. Will you please ensure that the ITI-ITI Territorial Administrative Transport Coys at MILAN, GENOA and TURIN are in a position to take over responsibility for all ITI transport details by 31 August, and inform this office to what extent No 3 G T Coy is at present employed on work of an essentially Italian character.

for Lt. Col. ADJT.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

WHC:/ag

Copies to :- MMIA I/O, Turin c/o 151 Sub Area
" Genoa c/o 60 " "

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DAY LETTER SECRET

FROM : ARMY

DATE/TIME
1316Z

TO : ZEALA DEPTO DEFENSE

INFO : RAMP

SUP : WX 34968

RUSPRLOTKO

ZCZC 6,321 OF 11 AUGUST 1945(.)

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PRIORITY TO WX 27125 OF 29 JULY FROM ARMSUSO AS

FOLLOWS(.) PILOTS RACED OUT FIRST(.) CTG LAYERS OF

3 TENTH STRATUS TRACE OCCAST BASES 2000 TO 2500

OBS ADDED CONDS SEA SURFACE SEEN IN INTERVALS

DETAILED(.) REMARKS OF CREWS PARTLY TO BEGIN

ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING SEA SURFACE

SEEN IN INTERVALS TRACE CASE WILL CARRY

"G" Distribution:

Action copy G/S
G/S
G(2)
A(2)
C.E.
Plans.

"S & T, MMIA.

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SECRET

LRKB V MEBW NR 13Ø29 QVR 1

FROM MMIA LO C/O 6Ø SUB AREA 13/8/49

TO HQ MMIA ROME
NORTHWEST

INFM MMIA LO NW ITALY C/O 59 SUB AREA

GR 2Ø BT

QG/3 RESTRICTED

REF MMIA SIGNAL ST/18Ø3 MAJOR V I N C E N T E L L I O/C THIRD ITI

GT COY HAS NOT REPEAT NOT REPEATED INTO GENOA.

BT

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SENT NR 1"Ø29 ES B 1 TKS VM K

R AT LRKB 13ØØ EAD B1

S & T. MMIA.

Recd

File ST/ 1803219

SECRET & RATE 1 Cpy 10 Cpy

13/82 N 35/13

MMIA 16/13 SIGNALS

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M.M.I.A.

11 B

FREEDOM

DISTRO DEPUTIES ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
DISTRIBUTE FOR INFO AC MMIA AC N.W.ITALY

Q.522.

[redacted]

YOUR BC27125 OF 23 JUL STOP SUBJECT ADV 3 ITALIAN CE OUT STOP
ONE PLN UNDER [redacted] of COMD MMIA AC DISTRIBUTE REMAINDER NOW UNDER
DISTRO STOP REQUEST YOUR SIGNAL BE AMENDED ACCORDINGLY

13/8.

"S & T. MMIA.
Recd 13 Aug
File ST/ 803

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ROUTINE

ST MMIA

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COPY

SUBJECT:- 3 GT Coy - Maintenance.

HQ No. 2 District, CMF.
1026/Q1.
8nAugust 1945

56 BLU.

1. Transport of 3 GT Coy, under MMIA, is temporarily being used to build up reserve food stocks in Northern ITALY. It is anticipated that this unit may be disbanded from 31 Aug 45.

2. Under authority AFHQ/8158/Q(AE) dated 4 Aug 45, maintenance of these vehicles will be the responsibility of the MANTOVA Gruppo.

Signed Illegible
for Colonel,
DA & QMG.

Copy to: MMIA
REME

Q Dist.
Q/5/11
ST

S71803

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COPY

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SUBJECT:- 3 GT Coy - Maintenance.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL.NO. FREEDOM 128

AFHQ/8158/Q(AE)

4 Aug 45

No. 2 Disitrict

Reference Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA) letter Q/5/11 dated 31 July 45.

The attachment requested in para 4 of the above letter is agreed.

Signed.
R.B. D"EATH, Major,
for Major General G-4 (Br).

RED/MLP

Copy to: MMIA

Q Dist
Q/5/11
ST

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COPY

Subject :- 3 G.T. Coy. - Maintenance.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
Q/5/11

31 July 1945

To :- A.F.H.Q.

1. The temporary use of 3 G.T. Coy. under M.M.I.A. control was authorised under A.F.H.Q. Signal FX. 24046 of 17 July 45.

2. This transport is being used both to build up reserve food stocks in the new Italian Bulk depots in Northern Italy, in the absence of certain rail communications, and to assist in the initial transfer of stocks from railheads to Distribution Depots, pending the recovery of sufficient Italian Army transport in the North to perform this task.

3. It is anticipated that the unit may be disbanded with effect from 31 August 1945.

4. The vehicles are of British origin and it is strongly recommended that for the short period they will be operating, maintenance is made the responsibility of the Mantova Gruppo under command 2 District This, in common with all other Combat Groups, is equipped with British transport, and therefore conversant with the normal methods of obtaining vehicle replacements, equipment, spares, etc. through it's British Liaison Unit.

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

Copy to :- 2 District
MMIA LO N.W. ITALY

Internal :- G.
S.T.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : M.M.L.A.

TO : R.A.A.F.

INFO : [illegible]

UNCLASSIFIED (.) SE/1823 (.) FOR SE (.) 4BG (.) CHECK ROSTERING

STRIKE WEEPS 3 C T OUT TODAY CREWS PER CHINA DEPOT 15 TO

REPORT ON ARRIVAL MAJ HOPE DEPLO TO DEB AREA (.) SINGE DUTY 13/14

LECTURE UNDER ARRANGEMENTS DEPLO 2 X 3 A LECTOR (.) END (.) 20 LECTURE

NOV AT RADIAN WILL REMAIN THERE TILL FURTHER ORDERS UNDER OP (ED) DEPLO

3 DIVERT (.) REMAINDER OF THIS FLATOCK TO PROCEED DARLEY WITH DEPOT

PARTY AND TOP FROM OUT TO 13 REMAINING DEPLO 3 DIVERT ON ARRIVAL (.)

APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN MADE ASH FOR THIS FLATOCK TO RAMP TO DEPOT AIR

CRU LECTURES SCHEME

[illegible]

214

[illegible]

Internal :- C(SD)
A 1
Q.2.

016.0

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[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : M.M.I.A. G4/1200 B

TO : R.A.A.C.

INFO : [redacted] FOR MEXALO — MILITARY GENOA
[redacted] RTO. ICF.
[redacted] FOR MEXALO
FENGASE → [redacted] MINISTRY OF WAR

REF : WZ/1803

UNCLASSIFIED (.) FOR ST (.) CONFIRMATION (.) ORDER ONE SECTION MEPS NO 3 ETI G T COY LEAVE CESANO FOR GENOA A M 8 TO REPORT ON ARRIVAL MEDIA LIASON OFFR 60 SUB AREA GENOA (.) CONVOY OFFR TO REPORT AHEAD TO MEXALO P B 8 LEGHORN TO ARRANGE STAGING LEGHORN NIGHT 8/9 (.) FOR MEXALO 60 SUB AREA (.) ANTICIPATE REMAINDER OF COY READY TO MOVE FROM CESANO IN 10 DAYS TIME

PRECEDENCE Operational

AUTHENTICATION Alexandria 212 7 T.O.O.

Internal :-

C-(SD)
P.

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MESSAGE FORM.

FROM : M.M.I.A.

TO : M.E.A.O.

REF : 'P' MESSAGE

REP : [illegible]

PER SE (.) CONFIRMATION (.) REBEL GO BY AIR 3 C P (ONE TO KEEP) CESARO FOR TWELVE AIR 3 (.) CHECK OMER TO FORGET TWO REBELS ARMED TO BE VISCOUNT KHALIAN LEAVING CAIRO 3 DECEMBER FOR DEPARTED DESTINATIONS (.) VISCOUNT WILL BE USED AS SECURITY TROOP GUARDING FROM NAPLES TO PORT-SUDANESE AREA AND RETURN CAIRO OF COMPLETION UNDER INSTRUCTIONS NOTA BO 3 DECEMBER

IMPORTANCE: IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED: M.M.I.A.

Internal :- O/C.
A/V.

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Off 4th Sqdn wound sheet / 10 Aug. 45

Allen

App "A" to Q/5/8
dated Mar 45.

Date 1 August

REQUISITION FOR TPT

Ref

I.

a. Branch A1

b. No. of vehicles required 20

c. Details of load (to include approx weight) 800 mins To be moved from Nisida Area To Bari and Taranto area. Men and 5 Tons. 171's, and 3 Dist state they have no transport

d. Where tpt required to report (full address) MMA 20 3 Dist will let us have full details later

e. To whom to report (Name and/or designation of individual)

f. Date and time required to report 3 August P.M. to move To E. Staty 4 August

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

h. Where load is to be delivered Bari, Taranto, Brindisi

j. Date essential delivery completed

k. Any instructions for backload No backload in view

l. Any special instructions World lit 20 lorries to be placed at disposal of MMA 20. 3 Dist for two shifts

m. Signature J Dobbs Major 21

n. Approved RAB

Lt. Col.
AQMG Q2.

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W112/20 94

S.T.

M.M.I.A. 20/30 SIGNALS

L R K B V MAAZ NR3ØØØ51 QVR1

FROM M M I A LO MILAN 3Ø17ØØB

TO M M I A

INFO M M I A L O 6Ø SUB AREA

GR34 BT

A57 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF PHONE M I L E S F O X

3Ø (.) FIRST (.) 3 GT COY REMARK N O T UNDERSTOOD (.) ALL PLS

UNDER K Y L E (.) SECOND (.) C O M I L I T E R M I L A N

WITHOUT POL2S JUL (.) JUGGLING WITH T U R I N ALLOCATION NO

LONGER NECESSARY

BT THI 1700B

SENT VH D1 K

RECD NR 0051 30/1935 B AAA AR KKK

"S & T. MMIA.

Recd

File ST/ 18/269

Copy in ST/1604/NW Italy

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FRM: MMIA ST/1803 Date 30 Time 1730 B

TO : RAAC

INFO: FORBASE FOR MMIA LO
59 AMSA FOR MMIA LO
60 SUB AREA FOR MMIA LO
'F' BLETCHLEY

REF : SR 2568

UNCLASSIFIED.

FIRST (*) RELEASE ORDER ONE PLATOON 3 G T COY TO MOVE A/M 1 AUG FROM C E S A N ' O TO L E G H O R N (*)

SECOND (*) ON ARRIVAL L E G H O R N O I/C PLATOON TO REPORT CAPT C L A R K M M I A LIAISON OFFICER P B S AT 5 VIA B O N A M I C I (*) VEHS TO LIFT SUPPLIES L E G H O R N - G E N O A AS DIRECTED BY CAPT C L A R K (*)

THIRD (*) ON COMPLETION PLATOON AT DISPOSAL M M I A L O N W ITALY FOR OPS AND SHOULD REPORT M M I A L O 60 SUB AREA G E N O A FOR ORDERS

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED

ADDITIONAL: Ministry of War
Q (Two)
ST (Two)
File

1 copy to S

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TO : [illegible] 30 [illegible]

INFO: PENBASE FOR MMIA LO
59 AREA FOR MMIA LO
60 SUB AREA FOR MMIA LO
'F' BLTU TEXT

REF : SD 2966

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PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED Blank Lt

INTERNAL: Ministry of War
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2T (Two)
File : SD/6/1

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Allen - 208 Lt Col
Off to Dispatch
1015 hrs 31/7

jw 30 Jul 45

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ST 90

Subject :- Administrative Comd.

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

Phone: MILAN 13989.

NWI/9/SD.

28 Jul 45.

To: H.Q. 2 District.

SD

1. There are TWO L. of C. Units of BRITI Combat status (Category 2) now in 2 District, under command as below:-

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4. If this suggestion is agreed, may instructions please be issued by H.Q. 2 District accordingly.

JJ Bird

Major
Senior MMIA L.O.
N.W.Italy.

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J Bird
Major
Senior MMIA L.O.
N.W. Italy.

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Copy to: 51 B.L.U.
56 B.L.U.
MMIA L.O. TURIN.
MMIA L.O. c/o 60 Sub Area.

Infor: Land Forces Sub Com. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) R O M E

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QUICK INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQCT 281726 B

TO : MMIA CONFIDENTIAL
DISTONE

INFO: DISTWO
DISTH HE

REF : FX 29305

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REFERENCE YOUR SD/2864 OF 25 JULY (*)

1 (*) ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR ISSUE OF SPARE PART DIRECT TO ITALIAN UNITS (*)

2 (*) AGENT DISBAND PARAGRAPH NUMBERS 1 AND 2 GENERAL TRANSPORT COMPANIES (*) D I S T O N E

PLEASE STATE LOCATION FOR DISBANDMENT

ADSI ✓

SD DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: SD/S/2

INFO : A
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"S & T, MMIA.

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at 26 Current
30 July 45 at 20 21
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OUTGOING SIGNAL

DATE 26 TIME 0845 B

FROM : MMIA

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO : MMIA LO MILAN

REF : SD 2863

CLASSIFICATION Unclassified

2 PLATOONS 3 ITALIAN GENERAL TRANSPORT COMPANY PASSED FROM UNDER ADM COMD R A A C TO UNDER ADM COMD D I S T W O OF COMD M M I A THROUGH MMIA LO NW ITALY (M I L A N) EFFECTIVE 1200 HRS 23 JUL 45

PRECEDENCE Priority

AUTHENTICATED

INTERNAL: A
Q (Two)
MOV (Two)
ST

FILE : SD/6/2

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S & T, MMIA.

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

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FROM : NMIA

DATE TIME
26 1230 B

TO : AFHQ

INFO : DISTONE
DISTWO
DISTHREE
RAAC
DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
DISTONE FOR MMIA LO NE ITALY
MMIA LO MILAN
FLORENCE CITY COMD FOR MMIA LO
60 SUB AREA FOR MMIA LO
PENBASE (LIAISON SECTION) FOR MMIA LO
OC BR CADRE 802 BRD ORVIETO

89

REF : SD 2854

N.T

REF YOU LETTER AG 091.711/111 GCT-O DATED 22 JUL (.)
ONE (.) MAINT OF BR VEHS FROM ITALIAN RESOURCES NOT
PRACTICABLE (.) REQUEST NO CHANGE FROM PRESENT SYSTEM
OF MAINT OF VEHS NO 3 G T COY BY S & T OF BR FMN BY
WHOM COY IS ADMINISTERED (.) TWO (.) NOS 1 AND 2 G T
COYS NO LONGER REQUIRED BY THIS HQ AND UNLESS REQUIRED
BY BR FMNS RECOMMEND DISBANDMENT SOONEST

AOST

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED L. M. Engleheart Lt-Col

INTERNAL: A
Q (Three)
ST
REME

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S.T. BRANCH

RESTRICTED
AFHQ/711/ST(a)
Tel Ext PANMURE 216

23 July 45

P/Hans
to ST

ADST

SUBJECT:- No. 3 Italian G.T. Coy.

DEST. HQ No. 2 District

1. Information has been received that No. 3 Italian G.T. Coy is now moving into No. 2 District, and is to be placed under Op Cond MMIA, Adm Cond No. 2 District.

2. ST have no responsibilities whatsoever in respect of the above unit.

who has?

"S & T, Mediterranean"
Recd 24 July
File ST/ 1803

W.T. Owen Roan
for Major General.
Director of Supplies and Transport.

COPY TO: ADST, MMIA ✓

AFHQ
AG 091/711/111 GCT-O 1 22 1 4 ✓

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COPY INDICATING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FEDCT 251905 B

TO : ROME AREA RESTRICTED
DLETED

INFO: AMXA IMPORTANT
ELU TO RTC ICF ORGANO

REF : FX 27125

3617
YOUR QQ 6697 OF 22 JULY (NOT TO D I S T W O) 2 PLATOONS
3 ITALIAN GENERAL TRANSPORT COMPANY PASS FROM UNDER AMG
COMD R A A C TO UNDER ADM COMD D I S T W O OP COMD
M M I A THROUGH M M I A L O NORTHWEST ITALY
(M I L A M) EFFECTIVE 2800 HOURS 23 JULY 1943

ADST

ED DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: SD/S/2

INFO: A
G (Two)
NAVY (Two)
ST

Rec'd T. A. M.A.

Rec'd July

File ST/ 1803

jv 24 July 43

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INTER OFFICE MINUTE

ST/1803

To :- ~~ADST.~~ Q2

Subject: Command No 3 G.T. Coy (ER-ITI).

1. In view of the fact that 2 Pls of No 3 G.T. Coy have now gone forward into No 2 District area, and that the remainder of the unit is expected to follow by the end of July, may "G" please be asked to obtain authority for the coy to be placed under local adm of No 2 District instead of under RAAC as follows :-

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   (b) Remainder of coy to be similarly transferred on arrival in 2 District Area.

2. Coy to remain at disposal of MMIA for OPS, via MMIALO NW. Italy.

WNMM/ag

D.A.D.T.

I recommend that this should be done by G. if approved

20 July 45 am

21 July

G.

III

Request action please

RAAC Q2

21/7 CP. IV Shorter G Sec arranged (a) (etc)

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please let me have date for (B).

RAAC signal OG 3617 dated 22 July. refers.

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SECRET INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : ROME AREA 22 0945 Z

TO : AFHQ R RESTRICTED

INFO : ZEBRA
"Y" BLATU EXPEDIENTE

REF : CG 3617

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YOUR FX 24046 OF 17 JULY CLEX PRIOR (.)

TWO PLATOONS 3 ITALIAN GEN TPT COY NOW

MOVED TO L E G H O R N AND SALAMIS

EXPECTED MOVE SHORTLY (.) REQUEST THIS

BE RELIEVED OF AIR COMMAND

SD DISTRIBUTION:

AUTION : SD/6/1

INFO : SD/6/2
"A"
"Q" (Two)
MOV (Two)
ST ——

"S & T, AFHQ

Recd 23 July

File ST/ 1803

jw 23 Jul 43.

Good. P/K
(Copy Starter into 200)
Also asked for 3 ADC
AFHQ for Alex & Cable
231) Clear

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

SI/1803

FROM : MMIA DATE 19 TIME

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO : FMNBASE (LIAISON SECTION) FOR MMIA LO
59 AREA FOR MMIA LO
60 SUB AREA FOR MMIA LO

REF : SD 2848 RESTRICTED

ONE (.) 3 ITALIAN G T COY HAS BEEN PLACED
AT DISPOSAL MMIA WEF 18 JUL (.) TWO (.)
66 VEHS LEAVE C E S A N O FOR L E G H O R N
20 JUL AND WILL LIFT 650 TONS SUPPLIES
L E G H O R N TO G E N O A TO ASSIST
IN STOCKING ITI-ITI DISTRIBUTION DEPOTS
THAT AREA (.) ON COMPLETION ABOVE LIFT THE
DET WILL BE AT DISPOSAL MMIA LO N W ITALY
AND REPORTS TO MMIA LO 60 SUB AREA FOR
ORDERS (.) THREE (.) PROBABLE THAT REMAINDER
OF COY READY TO MOVE NORTH FOR SIMILAR
EMPLOYMENT BY END JUL

How many tons of these ——— this?

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

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AUTHENTICATED ??????????

FILE : SD/6/2

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INTER OFFICE MINUTE ST/1803

To :- ADST. Subject: Command No 3 G.T. Coy (HR-FFI).

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D.A.D.T.

WHAM/ag

20 July 45

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INTER OFFICE MINUTE

32/1603

To :- ADSF. Subject: Command No 3 C.T. Coy (HQ-III).

Vast

1. In view of the fact/2 Pls of No 3 C.T. Coy have now gone forward into No 2 District area, and that the remainder of the unit is expected to follow by the end of July, may "G" please be asked to obtain authority for the coy to be placed under local adm of No 2 District instead of under RAAO as follows :-

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WMS/ag

D.A.D.T.

20 July 45

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COPY LIMITED SIGNAL

FROM : NAF AMSA

TO : CINC M. & TU
MMIA

REF : GA 3560

19 1000 B

SECRET

IMPORTANT

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3 ITALIAN G T COY WILL CEASE PORTSMITH CARRYING OUT DETAILS FOR PICKUP ITALIAN COMBAT TEAM FROM REMBT CENTRE AND IS PLACED UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL MMIA WEF 20 JUL. (.) FOR MMIA AFHQ SIGNAL. FX 24046 OF 17 JUL REFERS PLEASE FORWARD COPY OPERATIONAL ORDERS TO THIS HQ WHICH IS STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF COY

ADST & see ~~Ltr~~ (I agree with Lt. Knell that any of. order should be sent direct to AFAC, who would form them in to Convoy.) Miller

20/7

SD DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION : SD/6/2

INFO : Z
Q (Two)
- ST

"S & T" Mmia.

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Jw 19 Jul 43.

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S I G N A L

FROM : M.M.I.A.

TO : RAAC - PENBASE - MILAN - 60 SUB-AREA

REF : ST/1803

FIRST ADDRESSEE FOR ST (.) ALL OTHER ADDRESSEES FOR MMIA LOS (.) CONFIRMING CONVERSATION KNELL MILES (.) 66 VEHS NO 3 ITALIAN GENERAL TPT COY WILL LEAVE CESANO FOR LEGHORN A M 20 (.) ON ARRIVAL LEGHORN OFFR I C DETACHMENT TO REPORT CAPT CLARK MMIA LIAISON OFFR P B S AT NO 5 VIA BONAMICI (.) VEHS WILL BE USED TO LIFT APPROX 650 TONS SUPPLIES LEGHORN TO GENOA AS DIRECTED BY CAPT CLARK (.) ON COMPLETION THIS TASK DETACHMENT WILL BE AT DISPOSAL MMIALO NW ITALY FOR OPS AND SHOULD REPORT TO MMIALO 60 SUB-AREA GENOA FOR ORDERS (.) PROBABLE THAT REMAINDER OF COY READY TO MOVE NORTH FOR SIMILAR EMPLOYMENT UNDER MMIALO NW ITALY BY END JULY

Clear with "G" 195

Personally I am quite happy. The Coys have been placed at your disposal — never mind if you're using the tasks slightly — Coys will be operated by Q.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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FROM: A.F.H.Q. 171845B

TO : ROME AREA
MAIA

REF : FX 24046

IMPORTANT

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THREE ITALIAN GT COY WILL BE PLACED AT DISPOSAL MAIA WITH EFFECT FROM 18 AND WILL BE MADE FORTHWITH AVAILBLE FOR THE TASKS STATED IN MAIA LETTER SD/6/2 OF 5 (.) AFM COMD WILL REMAIN WITH R A A C UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (.) THIS COY WILL NOT CONTINUE PRESENT AUTHORISED TASK OF MAINTAINING PICENO COMBAT FORCE RFT TRG CENTRE FOR WHICH OTHER VEHICLES HAVE BEEN SPECIALLY ALLOTTED.

SD

66 veh ready & men clean 20th.

5 FVP see Sandhis

(see 82)

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SUBJECT: Org. ER-ITI G.T. Coys

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/6/2

5 July 45

TO : AFHQ

Ref your signal F 16233 of 2 July cite FHGCT.

1. It is considered that 1, 2 and 3 G.T. Coys should be disbanded not later than 31 August. Their retention until that date is recommeadd in order that they may be employed during the interim period for the following reasons.

2. The Italian Army has not yet obtained possession of the military vehicles of Italian origin recovered in the North, which were ordered to be handed over to MMIA by Allied HQs in your letter AG 386.3/163 LOG-O 22 June. The work of organising and deploying the seven Admin. Tpt Coys (ITI-ITI) involving the selection of vehicles and personnel can NOT be completed before the 31 August.

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1	1 District	UDINE or BOLOGNA Territorial Command (ITI-ITI)	or as decided by Dist HQ
2	2 District	MILAN Territorial Command (ITI-ITI)	
3	3 District	NAPLES Territorial Command (ITI-ITI)	

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6. As regards disposal of the vehicles held by these G.T. Coys.

In view of the number of British vehicles at present held by the Gruppi, it is for consideration (assuming such vehicles are eventually to be disposed of to the Italian Government) whether they should be regarded as a reserve to make up deficiencies in British Transport holdings of the Italian Army.

for Major General
MMIA

Copy to: MMIA LO Fifth Army
1 District 2 (Intel MMIA LO)
2 District 2 (" ") N.W. ITALY
3 District 2 (" ")
PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
MMIA LO PENBASE
MMIA LO Florence City Comd (2 copies)

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ST (Two)
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CRYPTOGRAPHIC SECTION

FROM: AMSO ALLIED MARINE OFFICE, NAPLES 17845 Z

TO : ROME AREA CONFIDENTIAL
MMIA

REF : FX 24046 EXCLUSIVE

5 ITALIAN CC OUT WILL BE PLACED AT DISPOSAL M M I A
WITH EFFECT FROM 18 AND WILL BE MADE SUCCESSIVE AVAILABLE
FOR USE PARTS SHADED IN M M I A LETTER SD/6/2 OF 5 (.)
AMSO WILL REMAIN WITH R O M E A R E A A L L I E D
COMD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (.) THIS CC WILL NOT CONTINUE
PRESENT UNAUTHORIZED TASK OF MAINTAINING P I C K U P
ITALIAN CONVOY WHICH REPATRIATES DISPLACED PERSONS FOR WHICH
OTHER VEHICLES HAVE BEEN SPECIALLY ALLOTTED

CRYPTOGRAPHIC

ACTION: SD/6/2
INFO: A
G (Two)
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18 July 45 Jr

S & T, MMIA.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S.T. BRANCH

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL
AFHQ/111/ST3(a)
Tel Ext FREEDOM 216

13 July 45

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SUBJECT:- No. 5 Italian General Transport Coy.

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S.T. 1417.

ADST,
ROAR Area Allied Command

1. The contents of your letter ST/14A dated 11 July 45 have been noted.

2. The status of 1, 2 and 3 Italian GT Coys is at the moment under review by the Staff.

3. It has been recommended by this Directorate that the above units should become a MMIA responsibility, the British Army being relieved of all its responsibilities in this connection.

4. Therefore until the position is clarified, no action is being taken.

Now - BB-151 units ?
BAST Algiers ADST

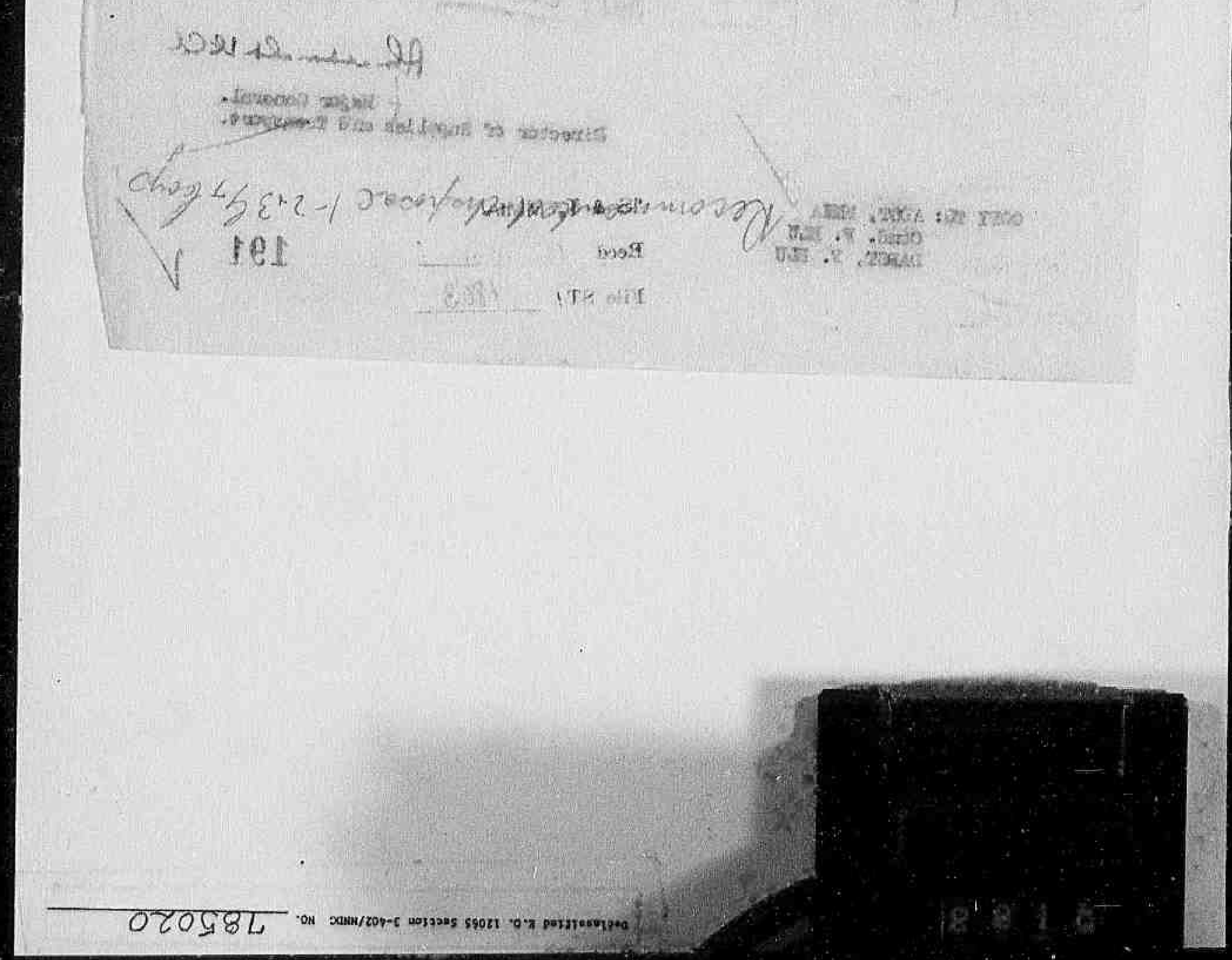
Major General.
Director of Supplies and Transport.

COPY TO: ADST, MMIA
Comd. F. ELU
DADST, F. ELU

"S & T, MMIA.

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BASE AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 US ARMY

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Subject:- No 3 Italian General Transport Company.

Ref. ST/14A
Date: 11 July 1945

To :- D.S.T. A.F.H.Q.

"S & T. MMA.

Recd 11 JUL

File ST/ 1-802

Copy to:- G-4 (British) BAAC
Comd. F. BLO
A.D.S.T. M.M.I.A.
D.A.D.S.T. F. BLO

Dealt with ADST MMIA

1. Reference formation of the a/m unit, and further to routine Progress Reports.

2. DADT BAAC visited No 3 Gen Tpt Coy on 3 July 45, and has discussed the progress of the unit with Commander F BLO and the DADST F BLO.

3. The following is now forwarded for your information:-

(a) Daily over 60 vehicles, (on one day the number reached 81), are being detailed for duties in connection with Demob Camp. It is stated by the 2 i/c of the company that this detailing commenced on the day after the first vehicle was taken on charge.

(b) The officers and NCOs appear very keen to get it properly organised but they despair of ever doing so whilst the number of details mentioned above continues.

(c) It seems that there is no one with the necessary authority to prevent these details being passed by the Division to the Company, and it is considered that if this is in fact the case, the Company should be moved from Demob Camp and complete its formation under the complete and sole control of this headquarters. It is pointed out, however, that if this Company is withdrawn from Demob the Division will be quite unable to carry on as nearly all its first line transport is off the road. The cause of this is understood to be bad organisation and lack of maintenance, and steps are being taken by the Staff of this headquarters to endeavour to alter this, but it is stated that the general standard of discipline is such that it is likely to be some time before the situation is remedied.

(d) A perusal of the Company's Work Tickets showed that an excessive quantity of petrol is being consumed, and at the request of the Commander F BLO this office will endeavour to supply a British NCO to supervise the petrol point for one week in order to obtain further details.

(e) The translation of AG 1090/202/1 Part 1 has been completed and Equipment Ledgers are in course of preparation. Arrangements are being made for a trained IMI clerk to visit the Company.

It is considered that it

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2. [illegible] Vehicles are 3 ton 4x4 Coy & 2 duty 15, and has discussed the progress of the unit with Commander 7 Bde and the Deputy 7 Bde.

3. The following is now forwarded for your information:-

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(d) A perusal of the Company's Work Tickets showed that an excessive quantity of petrol is being consumed, and at the request of the Commander 7 Bde this Office will endeavour to supply a British NCO to supervise the petrol point for one week in order to obtain further details.

(e) The translation of AFG 1098/252/1 Part 14 has been completed and Equipment Ledgers are in course of preparation. Arrangements are being made for a trained DAT Clerk to visit the Company.

4. It is considered that if the Company could be kept off detail for approximately two weeks it would be ready to function with reasonable efficiency at the end of that time, but that if detailing does not cease, or is not at least drastically reduced, it will never be possible for the company to move complete.

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R.V. MARRIOTT Lt. Col.
Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport

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SUBJECT: Org. HR-ITI G.T. Coys

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/6/2

5 July 45

TO : AFHQ

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Ref your signal F 16233 of 2 July cite FHQCT.

1. It is considered that 1, 2 and 3 G.T. Coys should be disbanded not later than 31 August. Their retention until that date is recommended in order that they may be employed during the interim period for the following reasons.

2. The Italian Army has not yet obtained possession of the military vehicles of Italian origin recovered in the North, which were ordered to be handed over to MMIA by Allied HQs in your letter AG 386.3/163 LOG-O 22 June. The work of organising and deploying the seven Admin. Tpt Coys (ITI-ITI) involving the selection of vehicles and personnel can NOT be completed before the 31 August.

3. Commencing on approximately 15 July, an unusual demand for transport will arise from the stocking up of ITI-ITI Supply Depots prior to the opening of ITI-ITI Distribution Depots in the North. It is appreciated that these Depots will eventually have to supply all Italian Soldiers irrespective of category, when Allied Depots close down. This may require assistance from Allied Transport resources in the areas VENICE - BOLZANO and MILAN - GENOA.

4. NAPLES remains the principal Base Supply Depot of the Italian Army and very heavy demands on local Italian Transport Units (operating old vehicles) has led to a decrease in the lifting capacity which will not be remedied until replacement vehicles can be provided.

Allied assistance has hitherto been readily forthcoming but this is no longer available.

5. It is, therefore, recommended that the three G.T. Coys are allocated as under, for the purpose of meeting essential demands on Italian Army Transport resources and that each in turn be withdrawn to ORVIETO for disbandment as circumstances permit.

No.	Under Command	Administered by
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2	2 District	MILAN Territorial Command (ITI-ITI)	
3	3 District	NAPLES Territorial Command (ITI-ITI)	

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"S & T, MMIA.
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As regards disposal of the vehicles held by these G.T. Coys.

In view of the number of British vehicles at present held by the Gruppi, it is for consideration (assuming such vehicles are eventually to be disposed of to the Italian Government) whether they should be regarded as a reserve to make up deficiencies in British Transport holdings of the Italian Army.

L.M.T. Gladwell, Lt-Col.
for Major General
MMIA

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APO 794 US ARMY

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Ref. S2/14A/T
Date: 3 July 45

Subject:- Formation of No 3 Italian GP Company.

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To :- D.S.T. A.F.H.Q.

Copy to:- A.D.S.T. M.M.I.A. C.M.F.

Copy of Progress Report on the a/m unit as at 1st July 45 is forwarded for information in accordance with your AFHQ/1114/37 3 (a) dated 21st April 1945.

R.V.MARRIOTT Lt.Col.
Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport

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SUBJECT:- Formation of No 3 Italian G.T. Company.

'F' British Liaison and Training Unit
RTC ICF.

Ref. ST/5/1/52.

30 June 45.

To : HQ
RAAC (5 copies)

Reference your 48A117 dated 17 April 45.

Herewith Progress Report in quintuplicate on the formation of No 3 Italian GT Company as at 1 July 45.

1. Personnel.

(a) The grading of drivers is as follows :-

Efficient	21%
Good, but require little further training.	44%
Still require considerable training.	32%

(b) On the recommandation of this H.Q. a request has been made by RTC ICF to the War Ministry for three competent electricians to be posted to the unit, also for an English - Speaking Italian to fill one of the existing vacancies.

(c) The Major recently posted as O.C. is shortly to be promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel, thus creating a deficiency to be filled probably by promotion of one of the captains within the unit.

2. Stores and Equipment.

(a) A quantity of technical stores and equipment has now arrived at Central Stores RTC ICF for the unit. These will not be issued, however, until the translation of Schedule 252/1 has been completed and the necessary equipment ledgers prepared by the company. This is considered an essential preliminary to avoid confusion and lack of control of stores.

(b) A number of tool kits have been provided on loan by CEME. These are being collected on 2 July.

3. Vehicles.

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(b) A number of tool kits have been provided on loan by CDT. These are being collected on 2 July.

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3. Vehicles.

(a) The unit is still deficient of one car 4-str or 2-str. The question of release has been taken up with DADOS this HQ.

(b) A completely equipped replacement Workshop Lorry has been released and is being collected today from 7 Vehicle Park.

(c) A schedule of equipment deficiencies on the six water - tank vehicles has been prepared ant the unit is submitting indents for the items required.

(d) The conversion of two lorries 3 - ton 4 x 2 GS into Stores Lorries is being held up pending confirmation of the possible release of two properly fitted Technical Stores Lorries.

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4. General.

Progress generally is satisfactory, though hampered by the language difficulty. It is considered essential that the unit should prepare, with the help of this HQ, its own translations of all technical equipment lists before actually receiving the items. This enables a proper check to be made of all receipts and the various stores to be identified and segregated. It also helps the unit to become familiar with the nomenclature of the multitude of spares, tools and equipment with which they must deal independently when they leave this centre. It is felt that such training justifies the additional time required.

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Comd. 'F' British Liaison & Training Unit
RTC ICF

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PROGRESS REPORT
(RAPPORTO DI PROGRESSO)
On the Formation of
(Sulla Formazione di)
No 3 FIELD ST COMPANY
as at (in data) ..... 29 JUNE '45.

(i) Personnel (Personale)

	RA/554/1		RA/555/1		RA/556/1		RA/557/1	
	Co Comp Hq Comando di Compagnia		4 Transport Platoons 4 Plotoni Trasporti		Workshop platoon Plotone Officine		4 IDE's Riserva 4 Gruppi di Artieri	
	Effective Effettivo (a)	Establishment Stato Forza (b)	Effective Effettivo (c)	Establishment Stato Forza (d)	Effective Effettivo (e)	Establishment Stato Forza (f)	Effective Effettivo (g)	Establishment Stato Forza (h)
Major (Commanding Officer) Maggiore (Comandante	1	1	-		-		-	
Captains Capitani	2	2	-		1	1	-	
Subalterns Subalterni	1	1	4	5	-	-	-	
Total, Officers Totale, Ufficiali	4	4	4	4	1	1	-	
Mechanist Serjeant Major Maresciallo Meccanista	-	-	-		1	1	-	
Company Serjeant Major Maresciallo Capo	1	1	-		-		-	
Company Quartermaster Serjeant Maresciallo di Rifornimenti	1	1	-		-		-	
Mechanist Staff Serjeants Sergenti Maggiori Meccanisti	-	-	-		2	2	-	
Serjeants Sergenti	2	2	3(a)	8	-		4	4
Total, Wos and Serjeants Totale, Marescialli e Sergenti	3	4	3	8	3	3	4	4

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PROGRESS REPORT
(RAPPORTO DI PROGRESSO)
On the Formation of
(Sulla Formazione di)
No 3 ITALIAN GT Company
as at (al Data) ..... 29 JUNE 45.

(Compagnia)

(i) Personnel (Personale)

IA/53 1/1		IA/532/1		IA/533/1		IA/53 4/1		(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Company HQ Comando di Compagnia		4 Platoons Plotoni 4 Plotoni Tra parti		Mortar Pl-toon Plotone Mortai Mortai		4 MT's Riserva di Gruppi di Autieri		Total Officers Totale Ufficiali (a) + (c) + (e) + (g)	Total Other Ranks Totale Truppa (b) + (d) + (f) + (h)	Attached (i)	Detached (j)
(a) Officers Ufficiali	(b) Other Ranks Truppa	(c) Officers Ufficiali	(d) Other Ranks Truppa	(e) Officers Ufficiali	(f) Other Ranks Truppa	(g) Officers Ufficiali	(h) Other Ranks Truppa				
1	1	-		-		-		1	1		
2	2	-		1	1	-		3	3		
1	1	4	5	-	-	-		5	6	1	
4	4	4	4	1	1	-		9	9	1	
-	-	-		1	1	-		1	1		
1	1	-		-		-		1	1		
1	1	-		-		-		1	1		
-	-	-		2	2	-		2	2		
2	2	3(a)	8	-		4	4	14	14		
4	4	3	8	3	3	4	4	15	19		

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	(c)	(b)	(c)	(d)	( )	(f)	( )
Amministrative Corporals Caporali Amministrativi	1	1	-	1			-
IT Corporals Caporali di Trasporti	2	2	20	20	-		
Corporals IT Storemen Clerks Caporali scrittorali Magazzinieri IT	-	-	-		2	2	-
Corporals IG IB Detachments Caporali per gruppi IG	2	2	-		-		-
Totale, Corporals Totale, Caporali	5	5	20	20	3	2	-
Privates, Clerks Soldati, Scritturali	2	2	-	4	-		-
" Batmen Attendenti	2	2	-		-		-
" Barber Barbieri	1	1	-		-		-
" Cobbler Cazolaio	1	1	-		-		-
" Cooks Cuochi	2	2	8	8	2	2	-
" Sanitary Duties Servizi Sanitari	1	-	-		-		-
" Water Duties Servizi Idrici	1	-	-		-		-
" IG Detachments Gruppi IG	4	4	12(b)	12	-		-
" Vehicle Mechanics Meccanici	-		4	4	11	7	-
" IT Storemen Magazzinieri IT	-		-		2	2	-
" Blacksmiths Fabbri	-		-		2	1	-
" Carpenters Carpentieri (Falegnami)	-		-		2	1	-
" Coach Painter Pittore Autocarri	-		-		1	1	-
" Electricians Elettricisti	-		-		3		-

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(m)	(n)
1	1	-		1		-		2	1		1
2	2	20	20	-				22	22		
-	-	-		2	2	-		2	2		
2	2	-	-			-		2	2		
5	5	20	20	3	2	-		26	27		1
2	2	4	4	-		-		6	6		-
2	2	-	-			-		2	2		-
1	1	-	-			-		1	1		-
1	1	-	-			-		1	1		-
2	2	8	8	2	2	-		12	12		-
1	-	-	-			-		1	-		1
1	-	-	-			-		1	-		1
4	4	12(3)	12	-		-		16	16		-
-	-	4	4	11	7	-		15	11		4
-	-	-		2	2	-		2	2		0
-	-	-		2	1	-		2	1		1
-	-	-		2	1	-		2	1		1
-	-	-		1	1	-		1	1		-
-	-	-		3	-	-		3	-		3

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Privates, Sheet Metal Workers	-		-		2	1	-
Soldati, Specialisti lavoro in lamiera							
" Trimmer	-		-		1		-
Tapezziere							
Total, Privates	14	12	28	28	26	15	-
Totale, Soldati.							
Batman-drivers	2	2	4	4	1	1	-
Attendenti-autisti							
Motor cyclists	5	4	8	8	1	1	-
Motociclisti							
Driver-mechanics	2	-	20	20	-	-	-
Meccanici autieri							
Drivers i/c Vehicles	4	4	108	108	5	5	48
Conducenti Veicoli							
Total, Drivers	13	12	140	140	7	7	48
Totale, Autieri							
TOTAL, G.T. COMPANY	40	35	200	200	40	28	52
TOTALE COMPAGNIA G.T.							

(2a) VEHICLES - VEICOLI

Motorcycles, Solo		5	5	12	12	2	2	-
Motocicletta, monoposto								
Car, 4-seater 4 x 2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Auto, 4-posti 4 x 2	to							
Car, 2-seater 4 x 2	5	2	2	4	4	1	1	-
Auto, 2-posti 4 x 2								
Trucks, 15cwt 4 x 2 GS		2 (c)	2	4 (c)	4	2 (c)	2	-
Autocarri, 15cwt 4 x 2 GS								
Trucks, 15cwt 4 x 2 Water Tank		1	1	4	4	1	1	-
Autocarri, 15cwt per Acqua								

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(n)
-	-			2	1	-		2	1		1
-	-			1		-		1	-		1
14	12	28	28	26	15	-		66	55		13
2	2	4	4	1	1	-		7	7		-
5	4	8	8	1	1	-		14	13		1
2	-	20	20	-	-	-		22	20		2
4	4	160	108	5	5	40	35	165	152		13
13	12	140	140	7	7	40	35	208	192		16
40	35	200	200	40	28	52	39	332	302	1	30

(12) VEHICLES - VEICOLI

W.E.

5	5	12	12	2	2	-		19	19		-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-		1	-		1
2	2	4	4	1	1	-		7	7		-
2 (c)	2	4 (c)	4	2 (1)	2	-		8	8		-
1	1	4	4	1	1	-		6	6		-

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
Lorries, 3 Ton 4 x 2 GS	3 (c)	3	124 (f)	124	5	5	-	
Autocarri, 3 ton 4 x 2 GS								
Lorries, 3 ton 4 x 2 (Ambulance)	-		-		2	2	-	
Autocarri, 3 ton 4 x 2 (Ambulanza)								
Lorries, 3 ton 4 x 2 (Workshop)	-		-		2	2	-	
Autocarri, 3 ton 4 x 2 (Officina)								
Total, Vehicles Totale, Veicoli	11	13	146	148	15	15	-	

NOTE.

(a) In each Platoon - 1 for administration, 1 to be i/c Platoon.
In ciascun plotone 1 per il comando, 1 per il plotone i/c.

(b) " Includes one man trained in water duties.
Incluso un uomo addetto al servizio idraulico.

(c) For L.A.G detachments
Per Gruppi L.A.G

(d) For maintenance duties.
Per servizio mantenimento.

(e) For cooks and baggage and petrol.
Per i cuochi, bagaglio e benzina.

(f) One in each platoon for cooks and baggage.
Uno in ciascun plotone per cuochi e bagaglio.

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	( )	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
	3 (a)	3	124 (c)	124	5	5	-		132	132		-
	-		-		2	2	-		2	2		-
	-		-		2	2	-			1		1
	14	13	146	148	15	15	-		177	176		1

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Suggested disbandment 1, 2 & 3 GT Coys

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ROSE AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY

D. Hdqrs "A" Fmn
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Ref. ST/14.A
Date: 21 June 1945

Subject:- Formation of No 3 Italian G.T. Coy.

Report to Maint Gndcrs
4th BLD
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To :- D.S.T., A.F.H.Q.

Copy to:- A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A., C.M.F.

Copy of Progress Report on the A/M unit as at 17th June 1945 is forwarded for information in accordance with your AFH/1114/ST3 (a) dated 21st April 1945.

R.V. Marriott

R.V. MARRIOTT Lt.Col.
Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport

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SUBJECT : Progress Report - Formation of No. 3 Italian G.T. Company.

'F' HEU TRTC IOF

Ref. SF/1A/26.

17 June 1945.

To: H.Q.
R.A.A.C.

Herewith Progress Report , Reference your 43117 dated 17 April '45 , in quintuplicate on the formation of No. 3 Italian G.T. Company as at 17 June '45.

1. Personnel.

(a) The unit is complete to W.E. with drivers, and the grading is approximately as follows :-

(a)	Efficient.	29%
(b)	Require little further training	24%
(c)	Still require considerable training	40%
(d)	Not yet tested and classified	6%

(b) Two trained storemen clerks, one corporal and one private, who have recently completed a storemen's course, are being posted in lieu of two equivelent ranks with less experience of stores accounting. The two replaced will be transferred to general clerical duties within the unit.

(c) Three sergeants and/corporal majors have been found unsuitable and HTC ICF have been asked to post suitable replacements.

(d) The W.E. provides for six trailers 15-cwt 180-gallon, water-tank. Bedford 15-cwt 4x2 water - tank vehicles have been issued in lieu and there is no provision in the W.E. for an additional six drivers i/c. This matter was raised with M.M.I.A. and R.A.A.C. under this H.Q., reference SF/5/1/20 dated 12 June and AG/6B/7A dated 15 June.

2. INTERIOR ECONOMY.

Internal administration work is improving with experience. The unit has had its own stores ledgers printed in Italian and all items of equipment are properly taken on charge as received. A simplified P.O.L. accounting system has been explained and the unit will shortly be starting its own oil store. Complete stocks of the Italian version of AM12 and AM06 with Italian key are held and are in use. Copies of "Inspections, Care and Maintenance", in Italian, are on order but have not yet been received. No office machinery has yet been issued but the unit has now purchased a typewriter locally.

3. STORES AND EQUIPMENT.

(a) Considerable deficiencies still outstanding, particularly workshop

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(a) [illegible] is completed to W.E. with drivers, and the grading is approximately as follows :-

(a) Efficient. 20%
(b) Require little further training 34%
(c) Still require considerable training 40%
(d) Not yet tested and classified 6%

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Internal administration work is improving with experience. The unit has had its own stores ledgers printed in Italian and all items of equipment are properly taken on charge as received. A simplified P.O.L. accounting system has been explained and the unit will shortly be starting its own oil store. Complete stocks of the Italian version of AH412 and AB406 with Italian key are held and are in use. Copies of "Inspections, Care and Maintenance", in Italian, are on order but have not yet been received. No office machinery has yet been issued but the unit has now purchased a typewriter locally.

3. STORES AND EQUIPMENT.

(a) Considerable deficiencies still outstanding, particularly workshop material and artificers' hand tools. It is understood that schedule 96 on which the unit has been basing its authorised holdings is incorrect and should be schedule 252/1.

(b) A complete list of all tools and accessories issued with the vehicles has now been received and indents are now being prepared to complete all vehicles to scale.

(c) A schedule of vehicles ~~less~~ with contract numbers is being prepared for the purpose of submitting a demand for EAFO's.

(d) Artificers' tool kits are very urgently needed.

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4. VEHICLES.

All vehicles have now been received with the exception of one car 4 seater. Most of the 15cwt Water Tankers are deficient of essential parts such as hoses and connections. May a parts list please be provided for the standard items of water carrying and purifying equipment. One workshop vehicle has been certified as unfit for use by LAD owing to lack of technical equipment. This will be evacuated and a replacement drawn.

5. GENERAL.

The outstanding difficulty is the problem of language. No one within the unit speaks any English, consequently all instruction manuals, spare parts lists, and equipment lists are completely unintelligible to the unit. Indenting, checking of equipment items, and basic instruction is therefore considerably hampered owing to the shortage of interpreters. It would be of inestimable assistance to the unit if one English speaking man could be posted to the unit, particularly when the unit leaves the parentage of this Centre and has to fend for itself whilst relying on British sources of supply and British methods of indenting for the greater part of its domestic and technical equipment.

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PROGRESS REPORT
(RAPPORTO DI PROGRESSO)
On the Formation of
(Sulla Formazione di)
No 3 ITALIAN CT COMPANY
as at (in data) ....17 Sett. 1945

(i) Personnel (Personale)

	M/531/1 ✓		M/533/1 ✓		M/539/1 ✓		M/532/1 ✓	
	Company Hq Comando di Compagnia		4 Transport Platoons 4 Plotoni Trasporti		Workshop Platoon Plotone Officina		4 MDI's Riserva 4 Gruppi di Autieri	
	TE Organico	Strength Forza	TE Organico	Strength Forza	TE Organico	Strength Forza	TE Organico	Strength Forza
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
Major (Commanding Officer) Maggiore (Comandante	1		-		-		-	
Captains Capitani	2	2	-		1	1	-	
Subalterns Subalterni	1	1	4	5	-		-	
Total, Officers Totale, Ufficiali	4	3	4	5	1	1	-	
Mechanist Serjeant Major Maresciallo Macchinista	-		-		1	1	-	
Company Serjeant Major Maresciallo Capo	1	1	-		-		-	
Company Quartermaster Serjeant Maresciallo di Rifornimenti	1	1	-		-		-	
Mechanist Staff Serjeants Sergenti Maggiori Macchinisti	-		-		2	2	-	
Serjeants Sergenti	3	2	3(a)	8	-		4	4
Total, WOs and Serjeants Totale, Marescialli e Sergenti	4	4	3	8	3	3	4	4

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PROGRESS REPORT
(RAPPORTO DI PROGRESSO)
On the Formation of
(Sulla Formazione di)
No 3 ITALIAN GT COMBAT
as at (in data) ....17 June 1945

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(SEGRETO)

(i) Personnel (Personale)

NA/531/1		NA/533/1		NA/530/1		NA/532/1						
Company HQ Comando di Compagnia		4 Transport Platoons 4 Plotoni Trasporti		Workshop Platoon Plotone Officina		4 MDI's Riserva 4 Gruppi di Autieri						
HE Organico	Strength Forza	HE Organico	Strength Forza	HE Organico	Strength Forza	HE Organico	Strength Forza	Total HE Organico (e) + (g) + (i)	Total Strength Totale Forza (f) + (h) + (l)	Surplus - Eccedenti (m)	Deficient - Deficienze (n)	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(m)	(n)	
1		-		-		-		1			1	
2	2	-		1	1	-		3	3			
1	1	4	5	-		-		5	6	1		
4	3	4	5	1	1	-		9	9	1	1	
-		-		1	1	-		1	1		-	
1	1	-		-		-		1	1		-	
1	1	-		-		-		1	1		-	
-		-		2	2	-		2	2		-	
2	2	3(a)	8	-		4	4	14	14		-	
4	4	3	8	3	3	4	4	19	19		-	

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(
Administrative Corporals Caporali Amministrativi	1	-	-		1	1	
IT Corporals Caporali di Trasporti	2	2	20	20	-		
Corporals IT Storeman Clerks Caporali scritturali Magazzinieri IT	-		-		2	2	
Corporals IC LE Detachments Caporali per gruppi LE	2	2	-		-		
Totale, Corporals Totale, Caporali	5	4	20	20	3	3	
Privates, Clerks Soldati, Scritturali	2	2	4	4	-		
" Batmen Attendenti	2	2	-		-		
" Barber Barbieri	1	1	-		-		
" Cobbler Calzolaio	1	-	-		-		
" Cooks Cuochi	2	2	8	8	2	2	
" Sanitary Duties Servizi Sanitari	1	-	-		-		
" Water Duties Servizi Idraulici	1	-	-		-		
" LE Detachments Gruppi LE	4	4	12(b)	12	-		
" Vehicle Mechanics Meccanici	-		4	4	11	10	
" IT Storeman Magazzinieri IT	-		-		2	2	
" Blacksmiths Fabbri	-		-		2	2	
" Carpenters Carpentieri (Falegnami)	-		-		2	1	
" Coach Painter Pittore Autocarri	-		-		1	1	
" Electricians Elettricisti	-		-		3		

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(m)	(n)
1	-	-		1	1	-		2	1		1
2	2	20	20	-	1	18		22	22		-
-		-		2	2	-		2	2		-
2	2	-		-		-		2	2		
5	4	20	20	3	3	-		20	27		1
2	2	4	4	-		-		6	6		-
2	2	-		-		-		2	2		-
1	1	-		-		-		1	1		-
1	-	-		-		-		1	-		1
2	2	8	8	2	2	-		12	12		-
1	-	-		-		-		1	-		1
1	-	-		-		-		1	-		1
4	4	12(?)	12	-		-		16	16		-
-		4	4	11	10	-		15	14		1
-		-		2	2	-		2	2		-
-		-		2	2	-		2	2		-
-		-		2	1	-		2	1		1
-		-		1	1	-		1	1		-
-		-		3		-		3	-		3

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Privates, Sheet Metal Workers	-		-		2	2	-
Soldati. Specialisti lavoro in lamiera							
" Trimmer	-		-		1	-	-
Tapezziere							
Total, Privates	14	11	20	28	26	20	-
Totale, Soldati.							
Batmen-drivers	2	2	4	4	1	1	-
Attendenti-artisti							
Motor cyclists	5	5	8	8	1	1	-
Motociclisti							
Driver-mechanics	2	2	20	20	-		-
Meccanici autieri							
Drivers i/c Vehicles	4	4	108	108	5	5	48
Conduconti Veicoli							
Total, Drivers	13	13	140	140	7	7	48
Totale, Autieri							
TOTAL, G.T. COMPANY	40	35	200	201	40	34	52
TOTALE COMPAGNIA G.T.							

(11) VEHICLES - VEICOLI

Motorcycles, Solo	5	5	12	12	2	2	-
Motociclette, monoposto							
Car, 4-seater 4 x 2	1	-	-		-		-
Auto, 4-posti 4 x 2							
Car, 2-seater 4 x 2	2	2	4	4	1	1	-
Auto, 2-posti 4 x 2							
Trucks, 15cwt 4 x 2 GS	2 (c)	2	4 (c)	4	2 (d)	2	-
Autocarri 15cwt 4 x 2 GS							
Trucks, 15cwt 4 x 2 Water Tank	1	1	4	4	1	1	-
Autocarri, 15cwt per Acqua							

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(l)	(m)	(n)
	-	-		2	2	-			2	2		-
	-	-		1	-	-			1	-		1
	14	11	28	26	20	-			68	59		9
	2	2	4	4	1	1	-		7	7		-
	5	5	8	8	1	1	-		14	14		-
	2	2	20	20	-	-	-		22	22		-
	4	4	108	108	5	5	48	48	165	165		-
	13	13	140	140	7	7	48	48	208	208		-
	40	35	200	201	40	34	52	52	332	322	1	11

(11) VEHICLES - VEICOLI

5	5	12	12	2	2	-		19	19		-
1	-	-		-	-	-		1	-		1
2	2	4	4	1	1	-		7	7		-
2 (c)	2	4 (c)	4	2 (d)	2	-		8	8		-
1	1	4	4	1	1	-		6	6		-

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
Lorries, 3 Ton 4 x 2 GS Autocarri, 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	3 (e)	3	124 (f)	124	5	5	-	1
Lorries, 3 ton 4 x 2 (Breakdown) Autocarri, 3 ton 4 x 2 (Assistenza)	-		-		2	2	-	
Lorries, 3 ton 4 x 2 (Workshop) Autocarri, 3 ton 4 x 2 (Officina)	-		-		2	2	-	
Total, Vehicles Totale, Veicoli	14	13	148	148	15	15	-	

NOTE.

(a) In each Platoon - 1 for administration, 1 to be i/c Platoon.
In ciascuno plotone 1 per il comando, 1 per il plotone i/c.

(b) " Includes one man trained in water duties.
Incluso un uomo adetto al servizio idraulico.

(c) For L.G detachments
Per Gruppi L.G

(d) For maintenance duties.
Per servizio mantenimento.

(e) For cooks and baggage and petrol.
Per i cuochi, bagaglio e benzina.

(f) One in each platoon for cooks and baggage.
Uno in ciascuno plotone per cuochi e bagaglio.

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(m)	(n)
	3 (e)	3	124 (f)	124	5	5	-		132	132		
	-		-		2	2	-		2	2		
	-		-		2	2	-		2	2		
	14	13	148	148	15	15	-		177	176	-	1

NOTE.

, 1 to be i/c Platoon.
1 per il plotone i/c.

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Subject :- Recovery of Inefficient Vehicles.

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21 June 43

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MMIA)
Rome
Tel : Rome 482081 Ext 326

To :- S.M.R.E. Ufficio Automobilismo.

LANCIA Artena RM. 082787

1. The above vehicle now held by the Garibaldi Division, will be recovered and handed over to No 1 Repair Unit.

JMC/ag

for Lt. Col. ADJT.:
Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MMIA).

Copies:- No 1 Repair Unit (through Smkts.)
File SF/1217.

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA
TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
INFO : 8 ARMY FOR MMIA LO
DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
REF : SD 2775

Date 18 Time 1430 B

S E C R E T

NO 1 ITALIAN TPT AND SUPPLY COY MOVES SOONEST BY RD FROM 8 ARMY AREA TO UNDER COMD D I S T O N E (.) DESTINATION WILL BE ADVISED LATER

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

File: SD/6/1 G 111 (O) TO SEE
Copy to: A
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MOV (Two)
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"S & T. MMA.
Recd 19 June
File ST/ 1803

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D/ B/Final file 10 Jun 59

OUTGOING SIGNAL

		Date	Time
FROM:	MMIA		
TO :	AFHQ FOR G-3 ORG	15	B
INFO:	RAAC		
REF :	SD 2770		

CONFIDENTIAL

REF YOUR F 91757 DATED 12 JUN (.)

PLEASE SEE R A A C PROGRESS REPORT

R A A C /134/G-3(BR) DATED 11 JUNE

1 (.) PERSONNEL WILL BE COMPLETE SHORTLY

2 (.) EQUIPMENT - S E L 3 ARE ABOUT 50% COMPLETE (.) CLOTHING ISSUE COMPLETED

3 (.) TPT NOW REPORTED TO BE COMPLET

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

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File: SD/6/2

"S & T, MMIA.

Recd

File ST/ 1803

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jv 15 June 45

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

ST ← A

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT 121230 B

TO : MMIA

REF : F 91757 CONFIDENTIAL

PLEASE SIGNAL STATE OF FORMATION OF

3 GEN TPT COY

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/6/2

Info: A
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"S & T, MMIA.

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INTER OFFICE MINUTE

3T/1017

To :- G80 II (WE)

1. Attached copy of letter from "F" HLI RTO IGF is forwarded for consideration.

2. Re. W.E. for a C.T. Coy contains a proviso that extra drivers are allowed if water-trucks are held in lieu of water-trailers, on scale of 1 driver per water truck held.

3. If no increase to W.E. can be authorised, suggest "A" might be asked to approve holding 6 men in excess of existing W.E.

VNMK/ag

16 June 45

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SUBJECT :- War Establishment - No 3 Italian GT Company.

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'F' BLU IRTC ICF
Ref ST/5/1/20.
12 June 45.

RAAC.

Copy to : LAND FORCES SUB COMM (AC) MMIA
RTC ICF
No 3 GT Company.

1. No 3 Italian GT Company forming under WEs NA/531/1, NA/532/1, NA/533/1 and NA/539/1 is authorised to hold six 2 - wheeled 180 - gallon Water Trailers.

2. In lieu of trailers, however, Bedford 15 cwt Water - Tank Vehicles have been issued. The WE makes no allowance for additional drivers for these vehicles and the unit will consequently be deficient of six drivers.

3. The RDIs allow only 12 spare drivers for each platoon which is barely adequate to cover normal leave, sickness, guard and general duties. It is requested therefore that the WE may be amended to provide for six additional drivers i/c when 15 cwt 4 x 2 Water - Tank vehicles are held in lieu of Trailers 2-wheeled.

P/A

Major RASC
DADST

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P/A

Major RASC
DADST

KYA/rso

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Float.

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S & T, MMIA.
Recd 13 June
File ST1 101

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Subject:- Workshops Personnel - 2 Ital Gen Tpt Coy

S.T.

British Increment (ST Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army, CMF.

Phone: LIGHTNING 119
5259/12 ST
13 June 45

MMIA (2)

Copy to :- CRASC 13 Gen Tpt Coln

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1. Owing to the large and increasing number of vehicles requiring urgent repairs and the general lack of maintenance, it has been necessary to form a British Cadre to repair and supervise the maintenance of vehicles in No.2 Italian General Transport Coy.

2. It is considered that the chief responsibility for this state of affairs can be attributed to the unsuitability of the Italian Workshops officer and the MSM.

3. CRASC 13 Gen Tpt Column reports as follows:-

" Workshops Officer - Tenent VASTA Francesco

Has no control of the tradesmen under his command and no organising ability. His technical qualifications are of a doubtful quality.

M.S.M. - Serjeant Maggiore TEMPERI Antonio

Completely disinterested in the work and shows no power of command over the Wksps personnel.

4. It is requested that this Officer and Warrant Officer are removed from the unit as quickly as possible, and that suitable replacements be obtained.

5. It is further requested that a Senior Officer from 231 Division carrys out a complete inspection of the unit. It has become quite evident that whilst the OC of the unit is doing his best, he obtains no support from his Officers and Senior NCOs, and the standard of discipline within the Coy is deplorable.

S & T, MMIA.

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G & T, MMIA.

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Brigadier,
DDST.

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— copy handed to A (Forces) for rec. action

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SUBJECT :- WE - No 3 Italian General Transport Company

'F' BLH IRTC ICP
Ref AG/6B/744

13 Jun 45

RAAC
LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (MMIA) ✓ 15/6

Reference my ST/5/1/20 of 12 Jun 45.

1. It is requested that :-

(a) RAAC cancel this letter,

(b) MMIA become 'action'addressee' and authorise the temporary holding of the six additional drivers MT to drive 15-cwt trucks, water, issued in lieu of water trucks.

2. The error in addressing this letter is regretted.

for Colonel
AA & QMG

AMGG/611
Internal

DAQMT
File
Float

G & T, MMIA

Recd 15 June

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See 1-O.M.

R/A

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( ) MID MEDU AREA ALLIED COMMAND ( )
AFO No 794 US ARMY

SUBJECT: Formation of No 3 Italian GH Coy.

To :- D.D.S.T. , A.F.H.Q.

Ref: ST/14.A
Date: 6 June 1945

Copy to:- A.D.S.T. M.M.I.A. G.M.F.

Copy of Progress Report on the a/m unit as at 3 June is fowarded for information in accordance with your AFH/1114/ST 3 (a) dated 21st April 1945.

R.V.MARRIOTT Lt.Col.
Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport

Field
RAF/gv

"S & T. MMIA.
Read
File ST; 180

(2) 11/6
A1.

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SECRET. B

SUBJECT: Progress Report - No.3 Italian G.T. Company.

'P' BLU. ENGC. MCP.
Ref: SE/5/1/2.

2 June 45.

To: H.Q.
Rome Area Allied Command.

Reference your 48A117 dated 17 April 45.

1. Herewith Progress Report, in quintuplicate, on the formation of No.3 Italian G.T. Company, as at 5 June 45.

2. The technical workshop personnel held are all suitable for the various trades shown, though some require further training and experience. The necessary training is being given within the unit, under the supervision of the Workshop officer. Arrangements are being made for key personnel, technical and administrative, to visit 144 Station Transport Coy at MOLE. A short water-duties course for training the drivers of the six 15-cwt. water-tank vehicles is being held as from 4 June 45.

3. All vehicles have now been received with the exception of 6 Cars 2-str and 1 Car 4-str. Difficulties were raised by the Ord.Vehicle Parks in the way of proper tool and equipment checks before the handing over of vehicles. These difficulties, combined with the language problem, compelled the unit to sign for vehicles "complete with tools and equipment as per AB.442," without previous examination. The tools and equipment on most of the vehicles bear little or no relation to the schedule contained in the ABs.442. Many vehicles were not in possession of ABs.442 or 406. The unit has been instructed to take on charge only the equipment actually received. A complete schedule of vehicle tools and equipment is in process of preparation and indents will be submitted to build up representative vehicle tool kits, if not for every vehicle, at least as an adequate pool to be held by each platoon.

4. One of the two Workshop lorries appears reasonably complete as to tools and accessories, but no schedule accompanied the lorry, nor is one in the possession of this H.Q., so that no proper check can be made. The other workshop lorry appears to have been stripped of most movable tools and accessories and is quite useless as it is at present. Deficiency lists are being made by Ordnance and R.E.M.E. representatives so far as is possible. No.9 Vehicle Park has been requested to forward any relevant schedules of equipment.

5. The major outstanding items of equipment urgently required are office machinery and artificers tool kits. It is hoped to forward [illegible]

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No.3 Italian C.T. Company, as at 3 June 45.

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4. One of the two Workshop lorries appears reasonably complete as to tools and accessories, but no schedule accompanied the lorry, nor is one in the possession of this H.Q., so that no proper check can be made. The other workshop lorry appears to have been stripped of most movable tools and accessories and is quite useless as it is at present. Deficiency lists are being made by Ordnance and R.E.M.E. representatives so far as is possible. No.9 Vehicle Park has been requested to forward any relevant schedules of equipment.

5. The major outstanding items of equipment urgently required are office machinery and artificers tool kits. It is hoped to forward a consolidated deficiency list with the next progress report as at 10 June. 166

6. Demands for transport on the unit by R.T.C., I.O.F. are being kept to an absolute minimum, in order not to interfere with training within the Company. Of the total number of drivers held the grading is as follows :

Efficient	36
Satisfactory with further training.	70
Poor. Need considerable training and experience.	51
Not yet tested.	20
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Major R.A.S.C.
D.A.D.S.T.

Internal: File
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(Sulla Formazione di)
No 3 ITALIAN GT COMPANY
as at (in data) .....

(i) Personnel (Personale)

	MA/531/1		MA/533/1		MA/539/1		MA/552/1	
	Company HQ Comando di Compagnia		4 Transport Platoons 4 Plotoni Trasporti		Workshop Platoon Plotone Officina		4 MDI's Reserve 4 Gruppi di Autieri	
	TE Organico (a)	Strength Forza (b)	TE Organico (c)	Strength Forza (d)	TE Organico (e)	Strength Forza (f)	TE Organico (g)	Strength Forza (h)
Major (Commanding Officer) Maggiore (Comandante	1		-		-		-	
Captains Capitani	2	2	-		1	1	-	
Subalterns Subalterni	1	2	4	4	-		-	
Total, Officers Totale, Ufficiali	4	4	4	4	1	1	-	
Mechanist Serjeant Major Maresciallo Macchinista	-		-		1	1	-	
Company Serjeant Major Maresciallo Capo	1	1	-		-		-	
Company Quartermaster Serjeant Maresciallo di Rifornimenti	1	1	-		-		-	
Mechanist Staff Serjeants Sergenti Maggiori Macchinisti	-		-		2	2	-	
Serjeants Sergenti	2	2	8(a)	8	-		4	4
Total, WOs and Serjeants Totale, Marescialli e Sergenti	4	4	8	8	3	3	4	4

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as at (in data) .....

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(i) Personnel (Personale)

NA/531/1		NA/533/1		NA/539/1		NA/532/1		(e)	(f) + (g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Company HQ Comando di Compagnia		4 Transport Platoons 4 Plotoni Trasporti		Workshop Platoon Plotone Officina		4 IDI's Riserva 4 Gruppi di Autieri						
WE Organico (a)	Strength Forza (b)	WE Organico (c)	Strength Forza (d)	WE Organico (e)	Strength Forza (f)	WE Organico (g)	Strength Forza (h)	Total WE Establishment Organico (a) + (c) + (e) + (g) (j)	Total Strength Effettivo Forza (b) + (d) + (f) + (h) (k)	Surplus - Eccedenti (k) - (j) (m)	Deficient - Deficienti (j) - (k) (n)	
1		-		-		-		1			1	
2	2	-		1	1	-		3	3		-	
1	2	4	4	-		-		5	6	1	-	
4	4	4	4	1	1	-		9	9	1	1	
-		-		1	1	-		1	1		-	
1	1	-		-		-		1	1		-	
1	1	-		-		-		1	1		-	
-		-		2	2	-		2	2		-	
2	2	3(n)	8	-		4	4	14	14		-	
4	4	8	8	3	3	4	4	19	19		-	

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Administrative Corporals Caporali Amministrativi	1	1	-	1	-	1	-
MT Corporals Caporali di Trasporti	2	1	20	18	-	164	-
Corporals MT Storeman Clerks Caporali scritturali Magazzinieri MT	-	-	-	-	2		-
Corporals IC LMG Detachments Caporali per gruppi LMG	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
Totale, Corporals Totale, Caporali	5	3	20	18	-	3	-
Privates, Clerks Soldati, Scritturali	2	1	4	2	-		-
" Batmen Attendenti	2	2	-		-		-
" Barber Barbieri	1		-		-		-
" Cobbler Calzolaio	1		-		-		-
" Cooks Cuochi	2	2	8	6	2	2	-
" Sanitary Duties Servizi Sanitari	1		-		-		-
" Water Duties Servizi Idraulici	1		-		-		-
" LMG Detachments Gruppi LMG	4	3	12(5)	12	-		-
" Vehicle Mechanics Meccanici	-		4	4	11	11	-
" MT Storemen Magazzinieri MT	-		-		2	2	-
" Blacksmiths Fabbri	-		-		2	2	-
" Carpenters Carpentieri (Falegnami)	-		-		2	1	-
" Coach Painter Pittore Autocarri	-		-		1	1	-
" Electricians Elettricisti	-		-				-

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(m)	(n)
1	1	-		1	1	-		2	2		
2	1	20	18	-				22	19		3
-	-	-		1	2	-		2	2		
2	1	-		-		-		2	1		1
5	3	20	18	-	3	-		28	24		4
2	1	4	2	-		-		6	3		3
2	2	-		-		-		2	2		
1		-		-		-		1	-		1
1		-		-		-		1	-		1
2	2	8	6	2	2	-		12	10		2
1		-		-		-		1			1
1		-		-		-		1			1
4	3	12(5)	12	-		-		16	15		1
-		4	4	11	11	-		15	15		-
-		-		2	2	-		2	2		-
-		-		2	2	-		2	2		-
-		-		2	1	-		2	1		1
-		-		1	1	-		1	1		-
-		-				-		3			3

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Privates, Sheet Metal Workers	-		-		2		163
Soldati, Specialisti lavore in lamiera							
" Trimmer	-		-		1		-
Tapezziere							
Total, Privates	14	8	28	24	26	19	-
Totale, Soldati.							
Batmen-drivers	2	2	4	4	1	1	-
Attendenti-autisti							
Motor cyclists	5	4	8	8	1	/	-
Motociclisti							
Driver-mechanics	2	-	20	18	-		-
Meccanici autieri							
Drivers i/c Vehicles	4	3	108	99	5	-	48
Conducenti Veicoli							
Total, Drivers	13	9	140	130	7	1	48
Totale, Autieri							
TOTAL, G.T. COMPANY	40	28	200	184	40	27	52
TOTALE COMPAGNIA G.T.							

(ii) VEHICLES - VEICOLI

Motorcycles, Solo	5	5	12	12	2	2	-
Motociclette, monoposto							
Car, 4-seater 4 x 2	1	-	-		-		-
Auto, 4-posti 4 x 2							
Car, 2-seater 4 x 2	2	1	4	-	1	-	-
Auto, 2-posti 4 x 2							
Trucks, 15cwt 4 x 2 GS	2 (c)	2	4 (c)	4	2 (d)	2	-
Autocarri, 15cwt 4 x 2 GS							
Trucks, 15cwt 4 x 2 Water Tank	1	1	4	4	1	1	-
Autocarri, 15cwt per acqua							

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(m)	(n)
	-		-		2		-		2			2
	-		-		1		-		1			1
	14	8	28	24	26	19	-		68	51		17
	2	2	4	4	1	1	-		7	7		-
	5	4	8	8	1	/	-		14	12		2
	2	-	20	18	-		-		22	18		4
	4	3	108	99	5	/	48	37	165	139		26
	13	9	140	130	7	1	48	37	208	177		31
	40 J	28	200 J	184	40 J	27	52 J	41	332	280	1	53

(14) VEHICLES - VEICOLI

	5	5	12	12	2	2	-		19	19		-
	1	-	-		-		-		1	-		1
	2	1	4	-	1	-	-		7	1		6
	2 (c)	2	4 (c)	4	2 (d)	2	-		8	8		-
	1	1	4	4	1	1	-		6	6		-

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Lorries, 3 Ton 4 x 2 GS Autocarri, 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	3 (e)	3	124 (f)	124	5	5	62 -
Lorries, 3 ton 4 x 2 (Breakdown) Autocarri, 3 ton 4 x 2 (Sussistenza)	-		-		2	2	-
Lorries, 3 ton 4 x 2 (Workshop) Autocarri, 3 ton 4 x 2 (Officina)	-		-		2	2	-
Total, Vehicles Totale, Veicoli	14	12	148	144	15	14	-

NOTE.

(a) In each Platoon - 1 for administration, 1 to be i/c Platoon.
In ciascuno plotone 1 per il comando, 1 per il plotone i/c.

(b) " Includes one man trained in water duties.
Incluso un uomo adetto al servizio idraulico.

(c) For LAG detachments
Per Gruppi LAG

(d) For maintenance duties.
Per servizio mantenimento.

(e) For cooks and baggage and petrol.
Per i cuochi, bagaglio e benzina.

(f) One in each platoon for cooks and baggage.
Uno in ciascuno plotone per cuochi e bagaglio.

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)	(m)	(n)
	3 (e)	3	124 (f)	124	5	5	62	-	132	132		
	-		-		2	2	-		2	2		
	-		-		2	2	-		2	2		
	14	12	148	144	15	14	-		177	170		7

NOTE.

tion, 1 to be i/c Platoon.
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an trained in water duties.
o adetto al servizio idraulico.

baggage.
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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 US ARMY

Ref : ST/14.A
Date : 24 May 45

Subject:- Formation of No. 3 Italian GT Coy.

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TO :- D.S.T., A.F.H.Q.

Copy to:- A.D.S.T. M.M.I.A. C.M.F.

No trace in ST.

1. Further to your AFHQ/1111/ST.3(a) dated 21st April 45 and subsequent correspondence copy of progress report in respect of the a/m unit as at 20th May is forwarded for information.

2. F. BLU and the unit were visited on 20th May by D.A.D.T. Rome Area and the following information supplementary to the progress report was elicited.

(a) Personnel.

Officers. The posting of a Major or the promotion of one of the Captains to take Command of the Coy awaits decision.

ORs The deficiencies in drivers will be made up by posting men now undergoing a course at the local D & M School.

(b) All personnel, excepting tradesman, passed out at a driving school before posting to unit, owing to lack of vehicles which are now in course of collection it has not been practicable to carry out further testing.

(c) All vehicles excepting 1 car 4-str. have been released. Collection of balance of task vehicles (72) was in progress at rate of 20 per day.

(d) All controlled stores have been collected and no material deficiencies exist.

(e) Training is progressing slowly. Unit has set up its own tented camp, cookhouses etc.

AS & T, MMIA.
Field RAF/Co.
Recd
File ST/ 803

R. V. MARRIOTT. Lt-Col.
Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport.

Progress Report on 3 Gst Coy.

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On the Formation of (Sulla formazione di)
No. 3 ITALIAN G COMPANY
as at (in data) 20th May 45

(i) Personnel (Personale)

	NA/531/1		NA/533/1		NA/539/1		NA/53
	Company HQ Comando di Compagnia		4 Transport Platoons 4 Plotoni Trasporti		Workshop Platoon Plotone Officina		4 RDF Riser 4. Grupp Autie
	WE Organico	Strength Forza	WE Organico	Strength Forza	WE Organico	Strength Forza	WE Organico
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Major (Commanding Officer) Maggiore (Comandante)	1		-		-		-
Captains Capitani	2	2	-		1	1	-
Subalterns Subalterni	1	1	4	5	-		-
Total, Officers Totale, Ufficiali	4	3	4	5	1	1	-
Mechanist Serjeant Major Maresciallo Macchinista	-		-		1	1	-
Company Serjeant Major Maresciallo Capo	1	1	-		-		-
Company Quartermaster Serjeant Maresciallo di Riformimenti	1	1	-		-		-
Mechanist Staff Serjeants Sergenti Maggiori Macchinisti	-		-		2	2	-
Serjeants Sergenti	2	2	8(a)	8	-		4
Total, Wos and Serjeants Totale Marescialli e Sergenti	4	4	8	8	3	3	4

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No. 3 ITALIAN GP COMPANY
as at (in data) 20th May 45

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(i) Personnel (Personale)

NA/531/1		NA/533/1		NA/539/1		NA/532/1						
Company Hq Comando di Compagnia		4 Transport Platoons 4 Plotoni Trasporti		Workshop Platoon Plotone Officina		4 RDI's Riserva 4 Gruppi di Autieri						
WE Organico	Strength Forza	WE Organico	Strength Forza	WE Organico	Strength Forza	WE Organico	Strength Forza	Total WE - Totale Organico (a) + (c) + (e) + (g)	Total Strength - Totale Forza (b) + (d) + (f) + (h)	Surplus - Eccedenti (k) - (j)	Deficient - Deficienze	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(g)	(j)	(k)	(m)	(n)	
1		-		-		-		1	0	0	1	
2	2	-		1	1	-		3	3	0	0	
1	1	4	5	-		-		5	6	1	0	
4	3	4	5	1	1	-		9	9	1	1	
-		-		1	1	-		1	1	0	0	
1	1	-		-		-		1	1	0	0	
1	1	-		-		-		1	1	0	0	
-		-		2	2	-		2	2	0	0	
2	2	8(a)	8	-		4	11	14	21	7	0	
4	4	8	8	3	3	4	11	19	26	7	0	

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
Administrative Corporals Caporali Amministrativi	1	-	-		1	
MT Corporals Caporali di Trasporti	2	2	20	20	-	
Corporals MT Storeman Clerks Caporali scritturali Magazzinieri MT	-		-		2	2
Corporals IC LMG Detachments Caporali per gruppi LMG	2	2	-		-	
Totale, Corporals Totale, Caporali	5	4	20	20	3	2
Privates, Clerks Soldati, Scritturali	2	1	4	1	-	
" Batmen Attendenti	2	2	-		-	
" Barber Barbieri	1		-		-	
" Cobbler Calzolaio	1		-		-	
" Cooks Cuochi	2	2	8	8	2	2
" Sanitary Duties Servizi Sanitari	1		-		-	
" Water Duties Servizi Idraulici	1		-		-	
" LMG Detachments Gruppi LMG	4	4	12(b)	12	-	
" Vehicle Mechanics Meccanici	-		4	3	11	
" MT Storemen Magazzinieri MT	-		-		2	2
" Blacksmiths Fabbri	-		-		2	
" Carpenters Carpentieri (Falegnami)	-		-		2	
" Coach Painter Pittore Autocarri	-		-		1	
" Electricians Elettricisti	4		-		3	

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(m)	(n)
	1	•	-		1		-		2	•	•	2
	2	2	20	20	-				22	22	•	•
	-		-		2	2	-		2	2	•	•
	2	2	-		-		-		2	2	•	•
	5	4	20	20	3	2	-		28	26	•	2
	2	1	4	1	-		-		6	2	•	4
	2	2	-		-		-		2	2	•	•
	1		-		-		-		1	•	•	1
	1		-		-		-		1	•	•	1
	2	2	8	8	2	2	-		12	12	•	•
	1		-		-		-		1	•	•	1
	1		-		-		-		1	•	•	1
	4	4	12(b)	12	-		-		16	16	•	
	-		4	3	11		-		15	3	•	12
	-		-		2	2	-		2	2	•	•
	-		-		2		-		2	•	•	2
	-		-		2	1	-		2	1	•	1
	-		-		1	1	-		1	1	•	•
	+		-		3		-		3	•	•	3

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		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
Privates, Sheet Metal Workers Soldati. Specialisti lavoro in lamiera		-		-		2	2
" Tinner Tupperziere		-		-		1	1
Total, Privates Totale, Soldati.		14	9	28	24	26	9
Batmen-drivers Attendonti-autisti		2	2	4	4	1	1
Motor cyclists Motociclisti		5	5	8	8	1	1
Driver-mechanics Meccanici-autieri		2	1	20	15	-	
Drivers i/c Vehicles Conducenti Veicoli		4	4	108	103	5	5
Total, Drivers Totale, Autieri		13	12	140	130	7	7
TOTAL, G.T. COMPANY TOTALE COMPAGNIA G.T.		40	32	200	187	40	22

(ii) VEHICLES - VEICOLI

Motorcycles, Solo Motociclette, monoposto		5	5	12	12	2	2
Car, 4-seater 4 x 2 Auto,4-posti 4 x 2		1		-		-	
Car, 2-seater 4 x 2 Auto,2-posti 4 x 2		2		4		1	1
Trucks, 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS Autocarri, 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS		2(c)	2	4(c)	4	2(d)	2
Trucks, 15 cwt 4 x 2 Water Tank Autocarri, 15 cwt per Acqua	57	1	1	4	4	1	1
Lorries, 3 ton 4 x 2 GS Autocarri, 3 ton 4 x 2 GS		3(e)	3	124(f)	52	5	5

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(m)	(n)
	-		-		2	2	-		2	2	.	.
	-		-		1	1	-		1	1	.	.
	14	9	28	24	26	9	-		68	42	.	26
	2	2	4	4	1	1	-		7	7	.	.
	5	5	8	8	1	1	-		14	14	.	.
	2	1	20	15	-		-		22	16	.	6
	4	4	108	103	5	5	48	21	165	133	.	32
	13	12	140	130	7	7	48	21	208	170	.	38
	40	32	200	187	40	22	52	32	332	273	8	67

(11) VEHICLES - VEICOLI

	5	5	12	12	2	2	-		19	19	.	.
	1		-		-		-		1	.	.	1
	2		4		1	1	-		7	1	.	6
	2(c)	2	4(c)	4	2(d)	2	-		8	8	.	.
	1	1	4	4	1	1	-		6	6	.	.
	3(e)	3	124(f)	52	5	5	-		132	60	.	72

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
Lorries, 3 ton 4 x 2 (Breakdown) Autocarri, 3 ton 4 x 2 (Sussistenza)	-		-		2	
Lorries, 3 ton 4 x 2 (Workshop Autocarri, 3 ton 4 x 2 (Officina)	-		-		2	2
Total, Vehicles Totale, Veicoli	14	11	148	72	15	13

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(a) In each Platoon - 1 for administration, 1 to be i/c Platoon.
In ciascun Plotone 1 per il comando, 1 per il plotone i/c. Vehicles & eq

(b) " Includes one man trained in water duties.
Uncluso un uomo addetto al servizio idraulico.

(c) For LMG detachments
Per Gruppi LMG

(d) For maintenance duties.
Per servizio mantenimento.

(e) For cooks and baggage and petrol.
Per i cuochi, bagaglio e benzina.

(f) One in each platoon for cooks and baggage.
Uno in ciascun plotone per cuochi e bagaglio.

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(m)	(n)
	-		-		2		-		2	.	.	2
	-		-		2	2	-		2	2	.	.
	14	11	148	72	15	13	-		177	96	.	81

NOTE

Vehicles & equipment now being collected.

to be i/c Platoon.
il plotone i/c.

in water duties.
al servizio idraulico.

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FROM : HQ 15 ARMY GROUP 181230 B

TO : 5 ARMY FOR BRIT INCREMENT RESTRICTED

INFO : MAIN 8 ARMY,
REAR 8 ARMY,
AFHQ,
DISTONE,
MMIA.

REF : SD 1675

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SUBJECT: Fmn of Tpt Units - Category 2, Combat (BRI-ITI)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/6/2

7 May 45

TO : RAAC

3 C.T. Coy

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
AFO 512

AG 353/131 GCT-O

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SUBJECT:- Maintenance Transport for Italian Combat Force Reinforcement Training Centre

TO :- President,
Allied Commission
FOR : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA)

1. Further reference is made to this Headquarters letter file as above, dated 28 April 45.

2. Owing to the present operational situation, every transport unit available will be required for commitments in Northern ITALY. It is regretted that 3 ITALIAN General Transport Company will be required as soon as it is complete. You are requested to ensure that personnel are provided as a matter of urgency for the new company, and that assembly reports are forwarded by "F" ELU in accordance with this Headquarters letter ASD/922.1(8) of 17 Mar 45.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

signed JACK CARTER
Captain, AGD
Assistant Adjutant General

3 May 45

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US Army

G & T. MMIA.

Recd 22 apr

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Ref: 48A 117
17 Apr 45

Subject: Formation of New Units - Italian Army -

"F" BLU RTC ICF

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA)
G -3 (Br) RAAC
G -4 (Br) RAAC
ADOS RAAC
ADST RAAC

1. No 3 Italian General Tpt Coy (Serial No. 93707) will be formed wef 15 Apr 45 under authority AFHQ CM/116/G-1 (Br) (Ser 1391) dated 13 Jan 45 and (Ser 2003) dated 14 Apr 45, and will consist of the following: -

	WE	SEL	Serial No. Allotted	
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	NA/531/1	123/1	93707	(a)
Four Tpt Pls	NA/533/1	125/1	93707	(b) - (e)
Four RDIs	NA/532/1	124/1	93707	(f)(g)(h)(j)
Mech Engr Pl	NA/539/1	127/1	93707	(k)

2. Copies of WEs will be forwarded as soon as received.

3. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (MMIA).

4. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted to ADOS, RAAC:-

(a) Replacements of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale.

(b) Unit equipment to scale (including anti-gas stores).

(c) Transport to complete to W.E.

5. STATIONERY

Demands based on two months' estimated requirements will 152

/submitted as

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submitted as indicated below:-

(a) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393)

(b) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1394) to No.10 Publications Depot - (indents to be endersed "Initial Demand")

(c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1392) to ADPSS, AFHQ.

6. POSTAL

Postal address will be: - "3 Italian General Tpt Coy, CMF."

7. Progress Report (in triplicate) will be submitted to G-1(Br) this HQ on 6 May and thereafter at fortnightly intervals until such time as formation is complete, showing:-

(a) Deficiencies in personnel (by ranks & trades) against WE.

(b) Deficiencies in equipment, tpt.

A.L. LOADEN
Major
for Lt-Col
AA & QMG

PA 1803 47

Subject:- No 2 Coy (It) (GT)

British Increment (ST Branch)
HQ Fifth Army
CMF
Phone: Lightning Rear 170

S & T. MMB.
Recd 14 Apr
File ST/ 1803

5259/12/ST

13 Apr 45

CRASC 13 Gen Tpt Coln

Copy to: DST AFHQ
DDST Eighth Army
HQ NMIA
CMT RASC
"Q"
DME Fifth Army

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A part of the training may include actual details but the maximum number of vehs to be employed daily will be notified by you, bearing in mind the state of training within the Coy at all times.

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COPY SECRET A

CLASS "B"

INSPECTING OFFICER:- MAJOR J.C. JACKSON, RASC. DATE:- 13 Apr 45

UNIT:- No 2 ITALIAN GT COY RASC LOCATION:- AREZZO

VEHICLE STRENGTH:- The holdings of vehicles were as shown on attached Proforma "A", but deficiencies could not be determined as the official WE could not be produced. It was stated, for example, that the number of 3 ton vehicles on establishment was 132, including 12 domestic vehicles, and that there was no provision for the usual 10% spare load carriers. This does not appear to be correct, but in the absence of a proper WE had to be accepted.

MECHANICAL CONDITION:-

BSA Serviceable

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Hillman VOR in NAPLES.

Bedford MW Mileages unknown. Those seen were in very poor condition and obviously neglected.

Chev C 15 In workshops undergoing repair. Serviceable on completion.

Ford F 15 Not seen.

Dodge T222 Not seen.

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STORES:- As far as could be ascertained no stores were held by the unit, but as the Workshops was at NAPLES there was no means of verifying this.

GENERAL REMARKS:- From an MT point of view the administration of the Unit was chaotic. There was doubt as to the correctness of the WE., the only copy of which was written in a note book. It was impossible to get information of the mileages of the vehicles held on charge, and neither AB 412 or 406 were available. It was stated that they were in NAPLES with the Workshops.

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Vehicles so far reporting to the British Workshops which have been made responsible for their repair have averaged four days each in Workshops on Initial Inspection, the majority requiring a day's work to get them running sufficiently well to inspect.

With existing repair facilities it is possible that all vehicles could be put through workshops within the next 3 to 4 months, by which time, with existing maintenance methods, they would be in the same state again.

There can be no alternative but to withdraw this Unit, properly mobilise and equip it and train all personnel before attempting to use it. It is understood that the vehicles were drawn from 72 Coy RASC (GT) at the beginning of March, and were immediately placed on detail in NAPLES.

(Sgd) J.G. JACKSON Major.

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UNIT No 2 ITALIAN G T COY RASC

O.C:- MAJOR G. ESPOSITO

O I/C WORKSHOPS:- LIEUT F VASTA

WORKSHOP SERIAL:-

VISITING OFFICER:- MAJOR J G JACKSON 18/4/43

Vehicle Make & Type	Number of Vehicles W.E.	Strength	Surp	Def.	Affil for Maint	Total Maintained	Total (Miles) 10,000	15,000	20,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
							19					
MOTOR CYCLES:- BSA 20 M	19	19		1								
CARS 4 STR	1	NIL										
CARS 2 STR:- Austin	7	2										
Austin		1										
HILLman		1										
TRUCKS 15 CWT:-	8	4										
Bedford MW		1										
Dodge T222		2										
Ford F15 4 x 2		1										
Chev C 15		132										
LORRIES 3 TON: Dodge T 110												
TECHNICAL VEHICLES:-	2											
Lorries W/S		1										
Bedford OY		1										
Commer	2	NIL										
Lorries Tech/Stores	2	NIL										
Lorries B/Down	6	6										
TRAILERS:-												
180 gall 2 Whld 15 cwt												

BRMS/666/10M/11-42.

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PRO-FORMA 'A'

WORKSHOP SERIAL:-

LOCATION:- AREZZO

VISITING OFFICER:- MAJOR J C JACKSON

DATE OF VISIT:- 13 APR 45

Number of Vehicles				Affil for Maint	Total Maintained	Total Mileage (Miles)								For Evac.	Ass. reqd.	Estimate of Unit Stock position
W.E.	Strength	Surp	Def.			10,000	15,000	20,000	25,000	30,000	35,000	40,000	50,000 & over			
19	19					19										
1	NIL		1											1		Accident damage
7	2															
	1															
8	4															
	1															
	2															
	1															
	132															
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2	1															
	1															
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6	6															

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REPORT ON 2 ITALIAN GT COY

ORG

1. The coy org is :-

	Officers	Sgts	ORs
HQ	4	4	32
Wksps	1	3	36
Four pls each	1	3	59
TOTAL	9	19	304

The unit is not yet org as above. Org is in progress. The strength now in this area is :-

Approx 6 officers 250 ORs

WORKSHOPS

2. Wksps are in NAPLES. It is not known if, or when, they will arrive. In the meantime vehicles have been affiliated equally between 179 Coy and 918 Coy.

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TASK VEHICLES

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NAPLES	-	18	
CESENA	-	13	
CAPACICLO	-	2	
TERNI	-	1	In REME Wksps
SPOLETO	-	1	In REME Wksps
ROME	-	1	In REME Wksps
PERUGIA	-	1	In REME Wksps
CIVITA CASTELLANA	-	1	In REME Wksps
AREZZO	-	2	In REME Wksps
FLORENCE	-	1	In REME Wksps
		41	

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7. It will almost certainly be necessary to run a course of instruction in Veh records for Officers and NCOs of the Coy.

INTERPRETERS

8. No interpreters came with the unit, 4 have now joined. All these state they are here for only 3 - 4 days. May this be confirmed please? It is essential to have 5 permanently attached.

ACCOMODATION

9. The Coy is located at LATERINA STA R 108368, PERUGIA R 128339. Most of the men are in billets or in Nissens left by 277 Coy. No tentage was brought by the Coy. Some bivouacs are being obtained from 55 Area. May release be given please for :-

12 x 160 (or 180) lbs Tents.

to serve as offices, guard room, stores, etc.

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10. Barrels have now been drawn ex 207 Petrol Depot. Two semi-rotary pumps have been obtained from 55 Area (who stated it was really a Corps responsibility)

11. No Jerricans were brought. Arrangements have been made to draw 600 from 127 Petrol Depot.

12. The Coy was in need of brake fluid; this will be obtained from Petrol Depot.

MEDICAL

13. OC Coy has been told to contact Italian Military MO, who, it is understood, is setting up an Italian Military MI Room in AREZZO.

GENERAL

14. CRASC is visiting the unit 8 Apr to discuss further points with the OC on the spot.

15. It is thought the Coy will not be fit to operate as a whole for another week. It is proposed, however, to give them small details early next week to try them out.

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SUBJECT:- Report on No 2 Italian Coy

S/13

ST 13 Corps

Further to my S/13 of the 7 April, the following report is forwarded.

1. There are two typewriters in the Coy (one with HQ and one with Wksps) Only the OC and 1 Sgt who has little practice can type. No stationery, vehicle documents or MT records are held. Requirements are being met from Stationery Depot in AREZZO

2. Personnel Against WE of 9 Officers, the following are present :-

(a) Officers

OC		
2 Lt QM, Rations etc.		
4 2/Lts, OIC Pls		
Capt - Adjt & Adm	}	at
Lt - Wksps	}	NAPLES

The adjutant is urgently needed at HQ. OC states he will come up when approx 12 - 15 vehs are put on the road by Wksps. I think he should come immediately.

(b) ORs

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Senior Sgts	10	8
Sgts	19	10
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	327	238

Remainder of personnel are with transport detachments. Information as to the position of soldiers by trades is not yet forthcoming.

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4. No G 1098 is held. OC has listed all holdings of weapons, stores, clothing, necessaries etc but has no scales of which to compare holdings.

5. The men are armed, some with Tommy Guns and some with rifles. The Coy has some Brens.

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(c) Vehicleswere received from 72 GT Coy RASC at GIOVINAZZO (BARI) in Feb 45. Coy has been located in the Rome area during March.

(d) OC Coy has estimated that the vehicles are capable of doing the further milenges as below provided necessary spare parts are available.

2 Austins	10000 miles
1 Hillman	Not known. Veh not yet arrived Fitted with pool engine.
1 Dodge 15 cwt	10000 miles
1 Chev 15 cwt	10000 miles
4 Bedford 15 cwt	10000 miles
2 Ford 15 cwt	10000 miles (pool engine)
132 Dodge	10000 miles

8. Wksps did not move owing to --

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No store lorries
No breakdowns
Lack of spares and tools
Trying to put number of VORs on road.

9. Task Vehicles Bodies are a good deal bent about - wings dented, radiators dented, lamps missing. Tyres very worn. Contact points wanted. Bulbs wanted Exterior cleanliness is satisfactory but essential cleanliness is poor. One case of a Pyrene extinguisher being full of petrol was discovered.

10. The OC is very keen and is obviously working very hard but lacks office staff, adjt, equipment etc. Records, ledgers etc in manuscript and in odd note books are well set out and tidy.

Field
8 April 45

(SIGNED) W J COCKERILL Lt Col
CRASC 2C General Transport Coln

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APPENDIX "H"

To be rendered monthly by all RASC and affiliated Units to reach DST, AFHQ through usual channels by 15th of eac

VEHICLE STRENGTH AND LOCATION RETURN, SHOWING POSITION ON 1st

Location:	Map Ref & Sheet No.	Mob Serial No.	Unit:
Tel No. :		Vehicle Serial No.	

O.C. Rank & Name

Under Command of:

Present Employment:

Detachments	
Strength	Location

Units affiliated for Maintenance	No. Lorry Units

OR: RASC Unit to which affiliated for Maintenance

Vehicles by Types	WE	No. on Charge	X Surplus	Def	TOTAL
M/Cs DH	9	9	-	-	9
Cars 2-Seater	7	3	-	4	3
Cars 4-Seater	1	-	-	1	
Cars 6-Seater					
15-Cwt G.S.	8	6	-	-	2
15-Cwt Water					
Lorries 3-ton Dom	11	12	1	-	4
Lorries Store	2	-	-	2	
Lorries Workshop	2	2	-	-	2
Lorries Breakdown	2	-	-	2	
Tractors Breakdown					
Lorries 3 ton	130	100	-	-	10
Water Trailers	6	6	-	-	1
Lorries -ton Task and Spare					

TOTAL Number of Lorry Units Maintained:

X Quote authority for holding vehicles in excess of WE

Ave. No. of vehicles V O R daily

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SECRET

by all RASC and affiliated Units to reach DST, AFHQ through usual channels by 15th of each month

CATION RETURN, SHOWING POSITION ON 1st 15 194

Map Ref & Sheet No.

Mob Serial No.

Vehicle Serial No.

Unit:

Vehicles by Types	WE	No. on Charge	X Surplus	Def	NAPOLI	CESANO	CIVITA CASTELLANA	PERUGIA	AREZZO	FIRENZE	TERNI	SPOLETO	ROMA	CIAMPINO
M/Cs DBA	19	19	-	-	8									
Cars 2-Seater	7	3	-	4	2									
Cars 4-Seater	1	-	-	1										
Cars 6-Seater														
15-Cwt G.S.	8	6	-	-	2	2								
15-Cwt Water														
Lorries 3-ton Dom	11	12	1	-	4									
Lorries Store	2	-	-	2										
Lorries Workshop	2	2	-	-	2									
Lorries Breakdown	2	-	-	2										
Tractors Breakdown														
Lorries 3 ton	120	120	-	-	10	13	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Water Trailers	6	6	-	-	1									
							1	0	1					
							In REME Recovery Pools etc							
Lorries -ton Task and Spare														

Location

No. Lorry Units

TOTAL Number of Lorry Units Maintained:

X Quote authority for holding vehicles in excess of WE

Ave. No. of vehicles V O R daily

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No. of Vehicles by Makes and Types within Units - Classified in accordance with GRO 58/44

No. of Vehs held	MAKE	TYPE	Av. miles since new	No. in Class			Engine A	
				I or II	III or IV	V	No. on indent last month	N Rece last
2	[illegible]	CAR 2 SEN 4 x 2	[illegible]					
3	[illegible]	CAR 2 SEN 4 x 2	[illegible]					
5	[illegible]	15 CWT 4 x 2 GS	37,400					
1	[illegible]	15 CWT 4 x 2 GS	[illegible]					
2	[illegible]	15 CWT 4 x 2 GS	34,000					
132	[illegible]	15 CWT 4 x 2 GS	11,152					
1	[illegible]	3 TON 4 x 2 GS	20,000					
1	[illegible]	3 TON 4 x 2 GMC SPECIAL WINCH	[illegible]					
6		3 TON 4 x 2 GMC SPECIAL WINCH	[illegible]					
10	208	CHASSIS 15 CWT 2 WHD ENGINE DIESEL						
		500 cc	1500					

Difficulties experienced in obtaining Replacements, Components, Assemblies and General Remarks

No. of WAR ESTABLISHMENT .....

Organization of Unit is *(Where applicable)*

- HQ MT Coy .....
- No. of Tpt Pls .....
- No. of RD Is .....
- No. of G Duties Pl .....
- A,B,C,D, Secs Comp Pl .....
- Workshop Pl Serial .....
- No. of civilian vehicle mechs held surplus to W E .....

PSS2 941 50M. 7-44

Commanding : .....

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thin Units - Classified in accordance with GRO 58/44

TYPE	Av. miles since new	No. in Class			Engine Assemblies			REMARKS ie: Any Other Assemblies
		I or II	III or IV	V	No. on indent last month	No. Received last month	Est No. Required during next 3 months	
[illegible]	[illegible]							
[illegible]	1200							

s, Assemblies and General Remarks

[illegible]

rplus to W E

Commanding :

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SUBJECT: Formation of Transport Units (BRITI COMBAT) SECRET

"G" & T. MMIA.
Rec'd 20 Apr
File ST/ 1803

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)
SD/6/2
19 Apr 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

No. 3 General Transport Company (Combat)

1. The above mentioned unit will be formed under the supervision of HQ ROME Area Allied Command with effect from 15 Apr 45.

2. It will consist of the following:-

SUB-UNIT	WE No.	OFFRS	ORs	EQUIPMENT SCALE	VEHS INCL M/Cs	SERIAL No.
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	NA/531/1	4	36	123/1	14 *	93707 (a)
4 Tpt Pls	NA/533/1 -Each.	1	49	125/1	37 *	93707 (b - e)
4 RDI's	NA/532/1 -Each		13	124/1		93707 (f g h j)
Mech Engr Pl	NA/539/1	1	39	127/1	15 *	93707 (k)
	TOTALS	9	323		177	

3. Personnel to fill WE, as detailed in our SD 2563 para 2 dated 4 Apr are immediately available at CESANO.

4. Clothing equipment and transport to the approved scales will be issued under arrangements of the supervisory authority.

5. Postal address of unit will be:-

3 ITALIAN GEN TPT COY, CMF.

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6. Please report progress in the formation of this unit on 30 Apr 45. 144

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Note: * includes 1 - 15 cwt water trailer.

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Major General
i/c MMIA

Copy to: 'F' BLU, RTC, ICF
HQ. RAAC.

Internal: A.1. Q(OS)
Q.2 ST
Q(AE) SD/1/2

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12/4 Secs.

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Subject: Inefficient Vehicles AFRIGOLA.

PA 1803 13/4 ST. 15/4

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

8 April 1945.

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

1. In accordance with verbal orders received (telephone conversation Major Papineau - Major Kyle refers) Major Kyle today visited AFRIGOLA Camp and interviewed Capt. CAPRILLI, of the No. 1 GRUPPI DE COMBATTIMENTI Transport Company, who is in charge of the detachment of inefficient vehicles located there.

2. The following information was given by Capt. CAPRILLI :-

60 vehicles arrived at AFRIGOLA from BARI under tow, and of these 24 still remain, the balance having been already sent forward to present Company Hq. location. Of those 24 remaining, 10 will be sent forward on the 10th April under the command of Capt. CAPRILLI. The spare parts for the repair of these ten vehicles have already been received from 557 B.O.D. Ten. Vasta will remain i/c of the remaining 14, and, dependent upon availability of spares at 557 B.O.D., of these remaining, 10 will be sent forward on 13th or 14th April, and 4 are B.L.R. All indents appear to have been correctly made, and, with the exception of a few items, have already been authorised for issue.

3. Capt. CAPRILLI has requested me to obtain disposal instructions for the 4 B.L.R. vehicles, and it is requested that these instructions be telephoned to this office as soon as possible.

Rome 10/1 - to evacuate to nearest REME or RASC workshop and obtain BLR certificate, demobilise vehicles or arrange t/o elsewhere.

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

BBK/ctg

1100/12
S & T. MMIA. 12/4

Board 10 Apr

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2 Chaps were shown over by Capt Robertson

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Signal

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From MMIA

28 2100A

To Ministry of War

1 (March)

Informs: "F" BLV, RTC ICF

SD 2535

Security Classification
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Para One (.) Number 2 Italian transport and supply company storenght - 332 other ranks and 152 vehicles will move by road under arrangements now on GR about 1 April from Teramo from under Comd AFHQ to Arezzo to under comd 5 Army for all purposes (.) Para two (.) details REF Aprag 6a lift follow (.) Para three (.) new subject (.) Three FD park Company will move in three weeks time (.) Para four (.) Quote T unquote advance depot medical stores will now move week 2-8 April.

Precedence Important to both addresses

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FROM: BMJ RTC ICF

TO : MMIA LO NAPLES

INFO: DESTHREE
AFHQ FOR G-5 ORG
56 AREA
MOVMIT
MMIA

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YOUR 9093 OF 26 (.) NUCLEUS HQ 2 ITALIAN GEN TPT COY REQUIRED TO COMMAND RPT COMMAND AND MN ADMN TPS OF COY NOW AT CESANO (.) 1 NCO AND 9 MEN TOTALLY INSUFFICIENT FOR THIS (.) REQUEST AT LEAST THREE OFFRS TO BE SENT FORTHWITH

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

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"S & T" MMIA

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SECRET

SUBJECT: No. 2 G.T. Company.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.G.
(M.E.I.A.)
SD/6/A
10 March 45

TO : "F" SEC, ATC IGE.

Further to MELA SD/6 of 10 March and SD 6480 of 8 March.

1. Please ensure that No. 2 G.T. Company is complete in equipment as well as personnel, and ready in all respects to move to the forward area on 1 April.

Major
for Major General
M.E.I.A.

INTERNAL:
S/T
Q(Ops)
Exec Sec

0920 SE/12
"S & T., MMIA.
Recd 10 Mar
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FROM MMIA

TO MINISTRY OF WAR
MOVEMENTS ROME

INFO AFHQ FOR G3 ORG
15 ARMY GROUP
MAIN 8 ARMY
REAR 8 ARMY RPTD MMIA LO
RAAC
BLU RTC ICF CESANO

SD 2421 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION S E C R E T

NO 1 G T COMPANY 9 OFFRS 323 ORS 150 VEHICLES AT PRESENT UNDER COMMAND S M R E WILL MOVE TO R I M I N I TO UNDER COMMAND 8 ARMY UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOVEMENTS R O M E LEAVING R O M E 11 MARCH (.) REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE 10 MARCH AND REPORT ON ARRIVAL R I M I N I TO C R A S C 8 ARMY (.) O C COMPANY WILL CONTACT MOVEMENTS R O M E 9 MARCH TO FIX OTHER DETAILS (.) AUTHORITY AFHQ TX 38039 CITE THCOT OF 5 MARCH

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE TO ACTION ADDRESSEES
IMPORTANT TO OTHERS

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IMPORTANT TO OTHERS

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FROM MMIA

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TO AFHQ

INFO 15 ARMY GROUP
BLU RTC ICF, CESANO

SD 2420

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION S E C R E T

REFERENCE YOUR FX 38912 CITE FHGCT OF 6 MARCH AND 15 ARMY GROUP SD 1324 OF 7 MARCH (.)
FIRST (.) DRIVERS TRAINED AND UNDER TRAINING AT R T C I C F UP TO 1 APRIL ARE ONLY SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL FOR RTC'S OWN UNITS AND TO REPLACE THOSE MEN OF NO 2 G T COMPANY WHO WILL BE RETAINED AS CADRE FOR DRIVERS SCHOOL (.) TWO (.) R T C IS AT PRESENT DEPENDENT ON G T COMPANY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AS WELL AS TRAINING PURPOSES (.) THREE (.) NO 2 G T COMPANY CANNOT THEREFORE BE RELEASED BEFORE 1 APRIL WITHOUT GRAVELY COMPROMISING TRAINING AND ADMINISTRATION (.) FOUR (.) POSSIBILITY OF EARLIER RELEASE OF ONE OR TWO PLATOONS DEPENDS ON WHETHER ROADWORTHY VEHICLES ARE SUPPLIED SOONEST AGAINST W E OF R T C I C F (.) G E L A R D I VISITING Q(AE) ON THIS SUBJECT 9 MARCH (.) FIVE (.) DRIVERS FOR NO 3 G T COMPANY WILL NOT ON PRESENT PROGRAMME BE READY BEFORE 21 APRIL CMA AND NONE WILL BE READY AS REINFORCEMENTS FOR GROUPS OR FOR FORMATION OF C AMB CAR SECTION BEFORE 10 MAY

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

SD/6
S/G/29/26
ST (Tpt)

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"S & T. MMIA.

Recd 8 Mar.

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D.A.D.T.

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHCCT

TO : MMIA 062017

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP

FX 38912 RESTRICTED

ESSENTIAL TO FORM 3 ITALIAN GEN TPT COY EARLIEST POSSIBLE (.)

FORWARD ESTIMATE OF DATE TRAINED PERSONNEL READY TO ACCEPT

VEHICLES

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ST (Tpt)

"S & T, MMIA.
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FROM : PENSOUTH MMIA LO 061508A

TO : RTC ICF - (Sent by MMIA Sigs)

INFO : MMIA : DISTHREE : 56 AREA : BRIT CADRE
ITALIAN RFT CAMP
AFRAGOLA.

9162 CONFIDENTIAL

MAIN PARTY NUMBER 2 ITALIAN GENERAL TRANSPORT COMPANY STRENGTH 6 OFFRS AND 160 ORs WITH 76 VEHS DEPARTS AFRAGOLA AM 7 MARCH (x) ETA CESANO 1845 HRS 7 MARCH (x) FOR DISTHREE (x) YOUR SD 727 OF 2 MARCH REFERS

Precedence IMPORTANT

SD DIST:

Action copy: SD/6
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"S & T. MMIA.

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From : DISTHREE

To : 56 AREA/BR CADRE IT RFTS CAMP AFRAGOLA/

Info : AFHQ for G3 ORG(BR)/ DISTWO/ MOVWIT/ MMIA/

DMT/ BLU RTC ICF.

Copy : Q(I). Q(AE). ORD MMIA LO with copies of MMIA sig.

Ref : SD 727

RESTRICTED

Ref MMIA SD 2368 of 1 March not to all (.) 2 Italian General Tpt Coy apprx Str Offrs 9 or 223 vehs 60 will move soonest after 5 March from AFRAGOLA to CESANO under arrangements MOVWIT reporting RTC ICF (.) Adv party 48 hrs ahead (.) Comd on arriv follows (.) Instructions for load will be issued by 56 AREA In accordance with MMIA above sig (.) For AFHQ (.) Spoke BARNES - WATSON 1 March (.) .For 56 AREA $.) Copy MMIA sig att (.) Ack

SD D 1st:
Action copy to: SD/6.
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SUBJECT: No 1 C.T. Company.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
S/C/29/20/1
1 March 43

TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: ELU, RTC ICF, CASBAH.

1. It is anticipated that the above Company will be required to move to the forward area about 9 March. By this time the whole of No. 2 C.T. Company will have arrived at CASBAH and progress should have been made in the fitting of vehicles against the Centre's own establishment.

2. Between now and 9 March you are requested to put all vehicles at the disposal of RTC ICF, as required for necessary work, with the following limitation: opportunity must be given to the C.C. Company for complete inspection and thorough maintenance of every vehicle so that the highest possible number are roadworthy by 9 March. Arrangements for vehicles required will be made directly between you and RTC ICF.

3. Please make a report on 5 March on the state of vehicles in the Company.

J.A. Dobbs Maj
for Major General
M.E.I.A.

"S" & T., MMA.
Rec'd 1 Mar.
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S/T —

A/Q

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SIGNAL

FROM MMIA

TO PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO

INFO AFHQ FOR G-3 ORG
3 DISTRICT
3 DISTRICT FOR MMIA LO
BRIT CADRE AFRAGOLA ITALIAN CAMP
56 AREA FOR D M T
BLU RTC ICF
2 SUB DEPOT 537 B O D
CG RAAC

SD 2368 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED

UNDERSTAND FROM AFHQ THAT NO 2 G T COMPANY WILL MOVE TO C E S A N O COMPLETE ABOUT 5 MARCH (.) PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ALL CONCERNED FOR ALL STORES READY AT NO 2 SUB DEPOT 557 B O D AND/OR NO 3 SUB DEPOT FOR R T C I C F TO BE CARRIED TO CESANO ON THIS MOVE (.) CONTACT D M T REFERENCE ANY TRAINING STORES REQUIRED TO MOVE (.) SUGGEST THAT SMALL ADVANCE PARTY REPORTS TO R T C I C F TWO DAYS BEFORE MAIN BODY

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

S/G/29/26

INTERNAL:

A/Q
S/T
G-1, Sur

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"S & T, MMIA.

Recd 1 March

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FDECT

TO : 15 ARMY GROUP 011200

INFO: MAIN 8 ARMY
REAR 8 ARMY
MMIA

FX 35504 SECRET

ARMY GROUP SD 1367 UNDATED (NOT TO 8 ARMY) AND
8 ARMY Q 6303 OF 25 (.) ANTICIPATE 1ST ITALIAN GENERAL
TRANSPORT COMPANY WILL ARRIVE 8 ARMY AREA BY 10 MARCH (.)
BAKERY SECTION M A C WILL MOVE APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME (.)
RMD G.T. COMPANY WILL REMAIN CESANO TO TRAIN DRIVERS TO
MEET DEFICIENCY WHICH IS HOLDING UP FORMATION M A C AND
3RD G.T. COMPANY (.) CONFIRM DESTINATION 1ST G.T. COY AND
BAKERY SECTION M A C

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

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From : HQ 15 ARMY GROUP 26 1800 A

To : AFHQ "S & T, MMIA.

Info : MMIA Rec'd 28 Feb. 1803

Ref : SD 1287 T[illegible]

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For G-3 Org (*) Subject auxilliary units for Italian Combat Groups (*) Request infmn availability following units which are required earliest in support of Combat Groups now under command (A) I Italian Tpt and Supe Coy (B) 1 Italian Mac less A Secn (C) 2 Italian Tpt and Supe Coy

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Action : SD/148. SD/6. SD/12.S/Sec. Med. T.

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DATED 26 FEB 43

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MMIA

AMEMB for G1 (Bc) G5(Org) Mov

PERSOUTH FCE MMIA LO
XGF RET THO CENTER MMIA LO

SD [redacted] 1171

CONFIDENTIAL

SD 2102 OF 16 (.) SUPPLY COY PERSONNEL GP AND MESP
SPECIALISTS G1 ARE BEING MOVED TO C E S A N C
EB J A N BY 1 GEN ET COY I C F AS ARRANGED BY
MMIA LO N A P L E S AND LEGAL MOV

"S & T" MMIA.

Recd 20 Jan

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

S.T. BRANCH

CONFIDENTIAL.
AFHQ/1114/ST.3(a).
Tel Ext FREDOM 220.

31 January 45.

SUBJECT:- Vehicles for Italian Gen Tpt Coys.

D.D.S.T.,
H.Q., No.3 District.

1. Nos. 2 and 3 Italian General Transport Companies are now being formed by H.M.I.A. and No.2 Company is now ready to accept its vehicle equipment.

2. It is not however the policy of the Staff to issue new vehicles to these Units but that new vehicles should be issued to British or Dominion R.A.S.C. Companies and the Italian Companies equipped with "battleworthy" vehicles thus thrown up.

3. Accordingly the Staff have issued to H.Q., 3 District for S.T., the following new vehicles :

19 M/Cycles.
3 2 Seaters.
8 15 cwts.
6 Trailers 2 whld water.
2 Lorries 3 ton W/Shop.
132 Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S.

These are available to you for re-equipping a Company and you are required to make available a similar number of vehicles of the same type for issue to No.2 Italian General Transport Company.

4. It is essential that the vehicles handed over to the Italian Company are "Battleworthy" and in Class I or II condition. In order that there may be no misunderstanding on this point it is recommended that you arrange for your I.M.T. to examine and pass the vehicles before they are handed over.

5. Please advise the time and place where the vehicles can be collected by the Italians when necessary arrangements will be made for collection.

Major General.
Director of Supplies and Transport.

Copy to:- A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMLA 28 1147 A

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
PENSOUTH FOR MMLA LO
MOV ROME
MOVWIT

INFO : AFHQ FOR Q(AE) AND MOV
3 DISTRICT
MMLA LO RTC ICF
NO2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD
56 AREA FOR DET

REF NO: SD 2195 RESTRICTED

ONE (.) 42 VEHICLES OF NO 1 C.T. CC COMPANY WILL LEAVE CESANO 29 JAN FOR NAPLES TO PICK UP STORES FOR RTC ICF FROM NO2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD (.) VEHICLES WILL STAGE AT AFRAGOLA CAMP (.) TWO (.) CONVOY COMMANDER WILL REPORT TO MOV ROME 28 JAN TO ARRANGE ROUTING OF CONVOY (.) THREE (.) MMLA LO PENSOUTH WILL ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO CONVOY COMMANDER REFERENCE PICKING UP OF STORES AND WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURN JOURNEY TO CESANO WITH MOVWIT (.) FOUR (.) ESSENTIAL STORES LOADED AND CONVOY RETURNS SOONEST AS SENDING FORWARD OF REINFORCEMENTS DEPENDS ON THEIR ARRIVAL (.) FIVE (.) MMLA LO PENSOUTH WILL REPORT WEIGHT OF ANY OUTSTANDING STORES ON COMPLETION ABOVE MOVE AND CONTACT DET TO ARRANGE LIFT IN TRAINING VEHICLES IF POSSIBLE

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED J.P. Booth Major

INTERNAL
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ONE (.) 42 VEHICLES OF NO 1 C.T. COMPANY WILL LEAVE CESANO 29 JAN FOR NAPLES TO PICK UP STORES FOR REC ICF FROM NO2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD (.) VEHICLES WILL STAGE AT AFRAGOLA CAMP (.) TWO (.) CONVOY COMMANDER WILL REPORT TO MOV ROME 28 JAN TO ARRANGE FILING OF CONVOY (.) THREE (.) MMIA LO PENSOUTH WILL ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO CONVOY COMMANDER REFERENCE PICKING UP OF STORES AND WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURN JOURNEY TO CESANO WITH MOVWIT (.) FOUR (.) ESSENTIAL STORES LOADED AND CONVOY RETURNS SOONEST AS SENDING FORWARD OF REINFORCEMENTS DEPENDS ON THEIR ARRIVAL (.) FIVE (.) MMIA LO PENSOUTH WILL REPORT WEIGHT OF ANY OUTSTANDING STORES ON COMPLETION ABOVE MOVS AND CONTACT DMT TO ARRANGE LIFT IN TRAINING VEHICLES IF POSSIBLE

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SUBJECT: No. 1 G.T. Company

"G & T, MMIA.
Recd 28 Jan
File ST/ 1029.

LAND FORCES SUB-AREA, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/26
27 Jan 43

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: MMIA LO MMG ICY

1. No. 1 G.T. Company, now located at CHEANG, is placed under command of SMIK until further notice, probably the end of February.

2. The Company consists of 4 Transport Platoons (30 vehicles each) which will be employed as follows:-

(a) Three Sections of one platoon, i.e. 15 vehicles to be placed at disposal of Commander RTO ICY for local services.

(b) Remaining two sections of above platoon plus two more platoons (i.e. 75 vehicles) to carry out duties as detailed by SMIK.

(c) The fourth platoon to be a reserve platoon and to provide reserve vehicles for vehicles off road. Platoon and sections under (a) and (b) above should therefore always be up to strength.

3. Any journey by vehicles under 2(a) and (b) above involving absence of more than one day will be referred to SMIK who will also order other journeys as required by higher authority.

4. Vehicles at disposal of Commander RTO ICY will be stationed at SMIK and will be maintained by 1 Port Workshop.

5. SMIK is requested to investigate the possibility of accommodating the remainder of the Company elsewhere in order to relieve pressure at CHEANG. These vehicles will be maintained by the Company's own Workshop Platoon.

6. The first duties for which the 75 vehicles at the disposal of SMIK are required are:-

(a) 30 vehicles to leave CHEANG morning of 29 Jan for TAMUK to move RTO and subsequently 2CO Field Hospital to the Army Area.

(b) 45 vehicles to leave CHEANG morning of 30 Jan

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2. The Company consists of 4 Transport Platoons (30 vehicles each) which will be employed as follows:-

(a) Three Sections of one platoon, i.e. 18 vehicles to be placed at disposal of Commander 2ND ICF for local services.

(b) Remaining two sections of above platoon plus two more platoons (i.e. 72 vehicles) to carry out duties as detailed by [redacted].

(c) The fourth platoon to be a reserve platoon and to provide reserve vehicles for vehicles off road. Platoon and sections under (a) and (b) above should therefore always be up to strength.

3. Any journey by vehicles under 2(a) and (b) above involving absence of more than one day will be referred to [redacted] who will also order other journeys as required by higher authority.

4. Vehicles at disposal of Commander [redacted] will be stationed at [redacted] and will be maintained by 1 Port Workshop.

5. [redacted] is requested to investigate the possibility of accommodating the remainder of the Company elsewhere in order to relieve pressure at [redacted]. These vehicles will be maintained by the Company's own Workshop Platoon.

6. The first duties for which the 72 vehicles at the disposal of [redacted] are required are:-

(a) 30 vehicles to leave [redacted] morning of 29 Jan for [redacted] to move 2CS and subsequently 230 Field Hospital to the Army Area.

(b) 42 vehicles to leave [redacted] morning of 29 Jan for [redacted] to collect clothing and equipment for 2ND INF.

Movement orders for above details will follow. Meanwhile the unit will be prepared, and 28 Jan devoted to maintenance and rest.

7. The method of detailing journeys for the 72 vehicles under para 2(b) above will be as follows:

The move to be carried out will be ordered by MGIA (General Staff) to [redacted]. [redacted] will then issue the necessary orders to 1 GT Company, and will fix the details of the move (i.e. timing of convoys, staging areas etc.) with Movements, MGIA.

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal: G(MD) Mov
A/Q Med
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SUBJECT: Distinguishing Sign for Supply and Transport Company

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. AQ/15/1
23 Jun 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: 52 BLU

1. Your M3/89/SERV is acknowledged.

2. MMIA agrees that it would be convenient for all personnel of S and T Companies in the Combat Groups to wear a distinguishing Sign. The use of the RASC Blue and yellow Flash, however, cannot be authorised.

3. Do you wish to propose an alternative sign?

D.S.L.GREGSON, Major
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal: S/Sec
S & T

"S & T" MMIA.
Rec'd 24 Jan.
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FROM : MMIA

TO : AFHQ

INFO : 15 ARMY GROUP

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(1) FOR G3 ORG (.) STRONGLY URGE THAT 1 GT COMPANY BE LEFT AT DISPOSAL SMRE TILL END FEBRUARY FOR ORGANISATION OF RTC ICF AND MOVES OF MEN AND MATERIALS UNLESS OPERATIONALLY ESSENTIAL FORWARD (.) IF THIS IMPOSSIBLE REQUEST THAT 1 PLATOON OUT OF THE 4 I.E. 30 VEHICLES BE LEFT AT RTC ICF UNTIL TRANSPORT PLATOON REQUESTED IN OUR SD/57 OF 13 JAN IS FORMED

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Internal: S/G/29/43
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SD DIST: SD/57 (Action Copy); SD/6; SD/50

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(1) AFHQ

(2) 2S ARMY GROUP

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(1) FOR G3 SIG (*) STRONGLY URGE THAT 1 GT COMPANY BE LEFT AT DISPOSAL
GEBE TILL END FEBRUARY FOR ORGANISATION OF MTC ICP AND MOVES OF MEN AND
MATERIALS UNLESS OPERATIONALLY ESSENTIAL FORWARD (*) IF THIS IMPOSSIBLE
REQUEST THAT ONE PLATOON OUT OF THE FOUR I.E. 30 VEHICLES BE LEFT AT MTC ICP
UNTIL TRANSPORT PLATOON REQUESTED IN OUR SD/57 OF 13 JAN IS FORMED

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FROM : MMIA
TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
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IN ADDITION TO SOURCES MENTIONED IN SD/6 OF 10 DECEMBER PERSONNEL FOR NO'S 1 AND 2 COMBAT GROUP GT COMPANIES MAY BE DRAWN FROM THE 200 DRIVERS WHO ARRIVED AFRAGOLA EX SARDINIA 10 DECEMBER (.) REPORT EVENTUAL SURPLUS OF DRIVER PERSONNEL AND DECISION WILL BE MADE TO POST AS NEEDED TO RTD ICF OR DIRECT TO MANTOVA (.) TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS DOBBS - DI BITONTO, DOBBS - THRUPP OF 10 DECEMBER REFERS.

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SECRET

Subject:- Formation of New Units - Italian Army

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

SD/6
9 Dec. 44

To:- Ministry of War

Copy to: British Increment 5 Army
MMIA LO 5 Army
HQ 1 Dist
HQ 3 Dist
Pensouth for MMIA LO.

1 ITALIAN GENERAL TRANSPORT COMPANY
'S' ITALIAN ADVANCE DEPOT OF MEDICAL STORES

1. (a) The above mentioned Units will be formed as shown below with effect from 1 Dec. 44:-

Unit	Organisation	WE	Supervisory Authority	Serial No.
1 Italian Gen Tpt Coy	(HQ Tpt & Coy	NA/ 531/1	HQ No.3 District	93332
	(Four Tpt Pls	NA/533/1	-do-	93932(a)- 93332(d
	(Four RDI's	NA/532/1	-do-	03332(e)- 93332(h
	(Mech Engrs Pl	NA/529/1	-do-	93332(j)
'S' Italian Adv Depot of Medical Stores		NA/578/1	HQ No.1 District	93333

(b) Copies of the W.E. will be distributed automatically by Supervisory Authorities. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No. 10 Pubblication Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from Supervisory Authorities.

2. Personnel for 1 Italian Gen Tpt Coy will be provided from AFRAGOLA Camp by 1003 and 1006 Cen Tpt Corp, this HQ SD6 of 22 Nov refers augmented by Gen Tpt personnel as shown in para of this HQ SD 1887 of 6 December.

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Personnel for 'S' Italian Adv Depot of Medical Stores will be provided from OSIMO Medical Depot reinforced as necessary from Medical Reinforcements (Nucleo di Riserva).

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by Supervisory Authorities:-

(a) Replacements of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale.

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(b) Unit equipement to the following Special Equipment List Scales, which will be issued by Q(AE), AFHG:-

(i)	SEL 165/1	for	NA/578/1
(ii)	" 123/1	"	NA/531/1
(iii)	" 125/1	"	NA/533/1
(iv)	" 124/1	"	NA/532/1
(v)	" 127/1	"	NA/529/1

(c) Transport to complete to W.E.

4. STATIONERY

Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:-

(a) Army Forms, ~~Books~~ Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393) to:-

(i) No.21 Stationery Depot by 1 Italian Gen TPt Coy.
(ii) the rearest Stationery Depot, (the address of which will be notified to Units by DADPSS, HQ AAI) by 'S' Italian Adv Depot of Medical Stores.

(b) Publication (indent form A.F.L. 1394) to No.10 Publications - Depot- (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").

(c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L. 1392) to ADPSS,AFHQ by 1 Italian Gen Tpt Coy, and DADPSS,HQ AAI by 'S' Italian Adv Depot of Medical Stores.

5. POSTAL

Postal adress will be:-

(a) 1 Italian Gen Tpt Coy,CNF.

(b) 'S' Italian Adv Depot of Medical Stores,CNF.

6. COMPLETION

Supervisory Authorities will report to C.1.(BR) A.I.Sectio

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will be submitted as indicated below:-

(a) Army Forms, ~~Books~~ Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L. 1393) to:-

(i) No.21 Stationery Depot by 1 Italian Gen TPt Coy.
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(a) 1 Italian Gen Tpt Coy,CMF.

(b) 'S' Italian Adv Depot of Medical Stores,CMF.

6. COMPLETION

Supervisory Authorities will report to C.1.(BR) A.I.Section AFHQ,(copy to HQ AAI, in respect of 'S' Italian Adv Depot of Medical Stores) when formations are complete.

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for Major General

M.M.I.A.

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MINISTRY OF WAR

3 District - MMIA LO DISTHREE - PBS
SOUTHERN for MMIA LO - AFHQ (for G3 Org)

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In addition to sources mentioned in SD/6 of 10 December personnel for No's 1 and 2 Combat Group GT Companies may be drawn from the 200 drivers who arrived AFRAGOLA ex SARDINIA 10 December (.) Report eventual surplus of driver personnel and decision will be made post as needed to RTD ICF or direct to Mantova (.) Telephone conversations DOBBS - DI BITONTO, DOBBS - THRUPP of 10 December refers.

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SUBJECT: No 2 G.T. Company for Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/6
10 Dec 44

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TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: 3 District, MMIA LO 3 Dist,
PBS Southern for MMIA LO
D.M.T.
AFHQ (G3 Org)
H.Q. A.A.I. for G(SD)

1. Orders are to be issued by AFHQ authorising the formation of No. 2 General Transport Company for the Combat Groups on Establishments NA/531/1, NA/533/1, NA/532/1, NA/539/1, total strength 9 offrs 323 OR's. Meanwhile you are requested to prepare the necessary personnel shown below.

2. Formation will take place at AFRAGOLA under the same arrangements as for No. 1 Italian G. T. Company, vide MMIA SD/6 of 28 Nov. To complete the two companies, 664 all ranks, the following 708 all ranks are available according to the latest information :-

(a) 63 all ranks ex 1003 G. T. Company) already allotted
(b) 184 all ranks ex 1006 G. T. Company) to 1GT Company
(c) 278 all ranks ex 1007 G. T. Company
(d) 183 all ranks ex TRANI vide MMIA SD 1887 of 6 December expected available on 17 Dec (vide AFHQ FX 65609 of 9 Dec to all).

3. It is intended that No. 2 G. T. Company shall be used as a Drivers' School attached to the Reinforcement Training Depot, and most of its drivers would be required to give instruction to novices. In this way it is hoped to train drivers at the rate of 400 every three weeks. You are requested, therefore, to organise No. 2 G. T. Company forthwith bearing this object in mind, and if necessary proposing any other sources for trained instructors.

4. No action must prejudice the formation of No. 1 G. T. Company which will be required to operate as soon as possible in the forward area.

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5. Please investigate this matter carefully and report to MMIA on the possibility of carrying out the scheme outlined in para 3 above, with the

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H.Q. A.A.I. for G(SD)

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1. Orders are to be issued by AFHQ authorising the formation of No. 2 General Transport Company for the Combat Groups or Establishments NA/531/1, NA/533/1, NA/532/1, NA/539/1, total strength 9 offrs 323 OR's. Meanwhile you are requested to prepare the necessary personnel shown below.

2. Formation will take place at AFRAGOLA under the same arrangements as for No. 1 Italian G. T. Company, vide MMIA SD/6 of 28 Nov. To complete the two companies, 664 all ranks, the following 708 all ranks are available according to the latest information :-

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5. Please investigate this matter carefully and report to MMIA on the possibility of carrying out the scheme outlined in para 3 above, with the personnel available. Details should be given of any specialists deficient against the establishments mentioned and your proposals for finding them.

6. If a sufficient number of suitable personnel is not available to complete Nos 1 and 2 G. T. Companies from the sources mentioned above, it is agreed, reference your 9111/Ord of 5 December, that men may be drawn from personnel available in SARDINIA as shown in your 9/33/Med of 24 November. Steps are being taken (vide MMIA SD 1902 of 10 Dec) to have these men transferred to the mainland.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

INTERNAL:
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Spec Sect for S/G/29/24

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SUBJECT: Formation of GT Company

Land Forces Sub Com A.C.,
(MMIA)
SD/6

28 Nov 44

Ministry of War

Copy to:- AFHQ (for G-3 Org) (2) } AFHQ FX 55258
3 District (2) } of 20 Nov
AAI } refers
PBS for MMIA LO Capt THRUPP

Reference our S/[illegible]29/26 of 26 Oct.

1. Arrangements are being made for personnel of 1003 General Transport Company to move soonest from SALERNO to AFRAGOLA for re-organisation into the first of the three four-platoon General Transport Coys required to support the Combat Groups. By agreement with SMIB the new Company will be designated 1 Combat Group G.T. Company. Personnel of 1006 General Transport Company are also moving from NAPLES to AFRAGOLA on or soonest after 24 November, and may be used to complete the above Company.

2. You are requested to arrange for the re-organisation of 1 Combat Group G.T. Company and for the necessary cross-posting of personnel to be carried out by Military HQ CAMPANIA, under supervision of 3 District, according to WE's NA/531/1, NA/532/1 and NA/559/1. Capt THRUPP, MMIA LO, PBS, will be available to give any assistance required.

3. Please report to MMIA as soon as possible the number of men who arrive at AFRAGOLA from 1003 and 1006 GT Companies, and what surplus or deficiency results against the above establishments. You will then arrange to post any surplus to the Reinforcements Training Depot, Italian Combat Force, for re-posting as required to the Groups.

Major General
M M I A

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Copy to:- AFHQ (for G-3 Org) (2) } AFHQ FX55258
3 District (2) } of 20 Nov
AAI } refers
PBS for MMIA IC Capt THRUPP

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Major General
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SUBJECT: Formation of Auxiliary Units for Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/SD/30
19 Nov 44

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TO : AFHQ.

1. Reference our S/G/29/26 of 26 October, the following auxiliary units for the Combat Groups have yet to be formed:

Units	WE's	Strength (each) Offrs	ORs
3 General Transport Coys	NA 531/1 NA 533/1 NA 532/1 NA 539/1	9	323
1 Motor Ambulance Convoy (one out of the 3 platoons is formed from 1200 Amb Car Platoon)	V1/719/1 NA/532/1	7	260
"S" Adv Depot Medical Stores		1	7
4 Mobile Laundry & Bath Units	NA/612/1	3	63

All other units in the order of Battle for the "tail" are either formed or in the process of formation, as far as personnel is concerned. British equipment is being issued to the first third.

2. It is suggested that the following procedure be adopted for units to be formed :

(a) G.T. Companies

1 G.T. Company. . . . . To be formed now from personnel mentioned in your FX 53596 of 16 AFRAGOLA by Mil HQ CAMPANIA under supervision 3 District

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(a) G.T. Companies

1 G.T. Company. . . . . To be formed now from personnel mentioned in your FX 53596 of 16 at AFRAGOLA by Mil HQ CAMPANIA under supervision 3 District.

2 and 3 G.T. Companies. . . .To be formed by the Combat Group Reinforcement Training Depot as drivers become trained and available, and assuming the plan outlined in MMIA S/G/29/10/A of 18 Nov is adopted.

(b) 1 Motor Ambulance Convoy

H.Q. and No 1 Platoon . . . To be formed now under supervision FOLGORE Group from personnel of 1200 Ambulance Platoon.

No 2 and No 3 Platoons . . . To be formed at the Reinforcement Training Depot as above, simultaneously with No 2 G.T. Company. (see above)

(c) "S" Adv Depot . . . . . To be formed now at OSIMO under supervision 1 District from personnel already in Italian Medical Depot there.

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(d) Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4 Mobile Laundry and Bath Units . . . . . Nos 1 and 2 to be formed now (if equipment is available) at AFRAGOLA under supervision 3 District. Personnel to be provided by SMRE. Nos 3 and 4 to be formed for 30 January under the same arrangements.

3. It is not desired to make the Groups and HLUs responsible for the formation of any more units than can be helped, as they have already an immense task.

4. It is emphasised that the formation of the G.T. Companies would be greatly eased if the G.T. Company requested in MMIA S/G/29/10/A of 18 Nov could work in conjunction with the Reinforcement Trg Depot.

5. The Reinforcement Trg Depot Italian Combat Force (although in theory part of the "Tail") has not been included in the above recommendations; it has already been formed on a provisional W.E. and after consultation with D.M.T. and (as explained in MMIA S/G/29/10/A of 18 November) will have to be taken more seriously now and given an adequate training staff and facilities for storage, transport and issue of equipment and clothing. It will also be necessary to decide on the best location of this Depot and its affiliated schools, preferably well forward to facilitate reinforcement of fighting units.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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