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MT FOR MAAF - SEARCHLIGHTS

Dec. 1944 - Nov. 1945

SUBJECT :- M.T. For Searchlight Units.

BT/1313

10 Nov 45

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

To :- MMA LO, Milan.

Ref your MIL/3/9 of 7 Nov 45.

1. Tpt WE/TO of a Mobile Searchlight Platoon is as follows :-

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| - Lorries 3 Ton G.S. 4 x 2 | 1 | } British type |
| - Cars 4 x 2 light utility | 1 | |
| - Generators Searchlight
(mainted) | 6 | Italian type. |

2. Replacements in respect of Lorries G.S. and Cars should be demanded through Allied channels. Replacements for Generators Searchlight (Italian) through Italian channels.

WISW/ag

Internal :- S.O.R.E.

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

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SUBJECT: Replacement of vehs for Pr Iti unit.

M.M.I.A. N. Italy
Milan.

Phone: MILAN 13989
Ref : MIL/3/Q

7 Nov 45.

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

1.- Will you please inform me of the vehicle WE entitlement of 831 S/LT Flt. This information is not in the possession of this office.

2.- Will you also state if replacements are demanded for the unit by its Allied supervisory unit or by M.M.I.A. LO.

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generators

W. Bourne

Major
MMIA LO

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INTER OFFICE MINUTE

ST/1313

To :- Q/2. Subject :- Disbandment of Units.

1. Ref folio 68 - presume only Italian Tpt is concerned. If this is the case, may G (SD) please be asked to state in their disbandment order that all such Tpt should be returned to No 2 Repairs Unit, Naples.
2. If the order also includes ER Tpt, suggest ER vehicles be handed over to 3 DISTRICT for use of 227 Admin Div, since IPI-III units are not in a position to account to ER firms for ER vehicles in their possession, and any such transfer would involve a change of title.

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A.D.S.T.

25 July 45

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returned by EME

INTER OFFICE MEMO

SE/1313

1. ADST

Wb:

Subject :- Recovery and Repair of Searchlight Trucks In Possession of 3 Photosensitive Coy.

2. W/2

3. G(SD)

4. RME.

URGENT

1. Attached list (supplied by MIA IO 3 District) shows details of present locations and condition of 12 Italian Searchlight Trucks (6 Italian Navy vehicles, 6 Army), urgently required for the formation of 833 and 834 Searchlight Platoons (Priority List High).
2. It is doubtful whether these vehicles can be repaired in 2 - 3 weeks as now requested.
3. In order however that the maximum speed can be attained, and in order to avoid crossing of wires and confusion of effort, it is submitted that the following procedure should be agreed :
 - (a) Action to direct recovery and repair of these technical vehicles to be handled in MIA by RME office
 - (b) Letter to instruct Divisione Tecnica Motorizzazioni War Ministry to pass orders to 2 Repair Unit Naples to contact Col D'ALVIERE (C.O. Italian Searchlights) in Naples and agree with him all necessary arrangements for pulling in the vehicles and reconditioning them, and also inform MIA IO Naples accordingly.
 - (c) G (SD) queries reference progress to be directed to RME MIA HQ.
4. Since Col D'ALVIERE is based in Naples (Divisione Comando Napoli), it is advisable that all detailed plans should be coordinated on the spot.

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Q.T.

D.A.B.T.

Yes. I think this should be done.

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REME Action as discussed

15 Apr

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EMF
Action
or
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INTER OFFICE MINUTE

ST/1313

1. ADST
2. Q/2
3. G(SD)
4. REME.

Subject :- Recovery and Repair of Searchlight Trucks In Possession of 3 Photoelectric Coy.

URGENT

1. Attached list (supplied by MMIA LO 3 District) shows details of present locations and condition of 12 Italian Searchlight Trucks (6 Italian Navy vehicles, 6 Army), urgently required for the formation of 833 and 834 Searchlight Platoons (Priority List Eight).
2. It is doubtful whether these vehicles can be repaired in 2 - 3 weeks as now requested.
3. In order however that the maximum speed can be attained, and in order to avoid crossing of wires and confusion of effort, it is submitted that the following procedure should be agreed :
 - (a) Action to direct recovery and repair of these technical vehicles to be handled in MMIA by REME office
 - (b) Letter to instruct Divisione Tecnica Motorizzazione War Ministry to pass orders to 2 Repair Unit Naples to contact Col D'ALFIERE (C.O. Italian Searchlights) in Naples and agree with him all necessary arrangements for pulling in the vehicles and reconditioning them, and also inform MMIA LO Naples accordingly.
 - (c) G (SD) queries reference progress to be directed to REME MMIA HQ.
4. Since Col D'ALFIERE is based in Naples (Divisione Genio Comando Napoli), it is advisable that all detailed plans should be coordinated on the spot.

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D.A.D.T.

14 Apr 45

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Subject: - Transport Detail

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11 April 45

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMAA)

Rome

Tel: Rome 489081 Ext 526

To: OMRE Ufficio Servizi

1. Ref Release Order No W/G dated 6 March.
2. It is understood that the tractors have now been drawn today by No 10 Territorial Administrative Transport Company.
3. Please issue orders for these tractors to proceed as soon as possible to Flying Control, 205 Group IQ MAAP, POGGIA, reporting on arrival to the Liaison Officer, Dr. KRISTEN. They will then be ordered to tow 2 Fiat Searchlight lorries to No 1 Repaire Unit Rome. Two drivers should accompany each vehicle.
4. On completion of the above duty they will return to No 10 Territorial Administrative Transport Company, Naples.

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Chittick for Lt. Col. ADGT.
Land Forces Sub Comm A. (MMAA)

Copy to: MMAA LO Naples (2) (who will please advise this HQ by phone date of departure from Naples)

Internal: Maj Taylor. ←

File in 1313

From: Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Military Mission
Italian Army.

Date: 8th February, 1945.

Ref.: HQMAAF/S.102/7/AIR.

ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS OF
THE 3 COMPAGNIA FOTOLETTICISTA

1. The 3 Compagnia Fotelettriciستا, with Headquarters in Naples, which is responsible for the operation of Italian searchlights on MAAP airfields, is at present handicapped in the efficient performance of its duties through lack of sufficient transport.
2. The headquarters of this company which controls some 60 searchlights distributed over 10 airfields, possesses at present 2 trucks and 1 car; since, however, the tyres belonging to the car are unserviceable it has to borrow them from one of the trucks: thus there are never more than 3 "runners" available.
3. The tasks to be done by the available transport are many and various; they include transportation of men and material to and from the airfield, collection and delivery of rations for personnel at Naples and Pomigliano, transport for Colonel Dall'Amore and his Headquarters officers on routine business and inspection of sites, and such items as collection of spare parts and cartons from places as far afield as Taranto and Florence.
4. For all these multifarious tasks it is considered that a minimum of 5 vehicles is required and it is requested, therefore, that every consideration be given to request, for 2 more trucks or alternatively 1 truck and 1 set of tyres (as previously requested in our letter HQAF/S.102/7/Air dated 21 December 1944) to be released to the 3 Compagnia Fotelettriciستا.

"S & T, MMMA.

1000 9 Feb

1000 1024/76

J.D.N. Lawson 1381
for L. T. PANKHURST,
Air Commodore,
for Air Marshal,
Air Commander-in-Chief,
R.A.F. MEDAF.

DADT

Can we? Request seems reasonable.
Wes.

From: Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.

To : Headquarters, Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.(M.M.T.A.), Rome.

Date: 21st December, 1944.

Ref.: HQMAAF/S.102/7/ATR.

Assignment of Vehicles.

1. Reference your letter ST/1024/76 dated 15 December, 1944.
2. Lt. Colonel Palfume has been appointed to take charge of all Italian Searchlights and operators employed on MAAF airfields. His duties include inspecting Italian personnel and equipment on airfields up and down the country. For this purpose a car in good order and with a complete set of serviceable tyres is essential; the vehicle mentioned above does not comply with the second requirement and this Headquarters has no authority to make good the deficiency.
3. It would be appreciated, therefore, if release of five tyres in good condition could be authorised on behalf of Col. Palfume.

Copy: L.O.Landforces Sub-Comm.A.C.
(M.M.T.A.) Naples.

J.G.N. Lawson
for Air Marshal,
Commander-in-Chief,
RAF MEDAL.

"S & T" MMIA.

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Subject:- Assessment of Vehicle

27/12/67

MAJ GEN W. B. G. (MIA)

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Tel: 400001 RT 526

19th Dec. 67

To :- Ufficio Automobilistico SP. 11.

Copy:- Dir. Gen. della Motorizzazione
Italian War Ministry

LC. Gen. Corso Sub Com. A.C. (MIA)

MAJ GEN

MAJ GEN. or Capt. BERTON

1. The Col. D'ALVISE of the Divisione Genio Comando Campa-
nia is understood to be at present working in collabora-
tion with MAJ GEN.
2. It is reported that Fiat 1100 target SP 41071 is at pre-
sent in possession of LC Anteri, and could be made
mechanically sound but lacks tyres.
3. It is further reported that if this vehicle could be
found it would be of great value to the Divisione Genio
and it is suggested that MAJ GEN. should obtain
information from MAJ GEN. BERTON which could be re-
lated to the vehicle in question.
4. Please therefore instruct Comando Campa-
nia to inform Divisione Genio of the above mentioned vehicle to MAJ GEN. D'ALVISE.

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(M. G. (MIA))

Major BERTON

for Lt. Col.

MAJ GEN. Corso Sub Com. A.C. (MIA)

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