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Oct. 1944 - May 1945

SUBJECT:- Correspondence on WD Vehs
Loaned to Italian Units

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Land Forces Sub Commission AC (LMIA)

10 May 45

Ref your ST/1807 of 20 Apr 45 addressed to HQ 2 District.

1. The papers in this case have now been passed to this HQ.
2. The information regarding vehicle numbers is incomplete with the exception of the following which have been extracted from various letters.

(a) Held on charge by 216 Rd Amb (27 June 44)

(i) For 515 Regt

Dodge 15 cwt 4x2 GS L.483310 ✓
Bedford 3 ton 4x2 GS L. 513434 ✓
Bedford 3 ton 4x2 GS L.528399 ○

(ii) For 522 Regt

Dodge 15 cwt 4x2 GS L.4737276 ✓
Bedford 3 ton 4x2 GS L.516664 ✓
Bedford 3 ton 4x2 GS L.4881213 ✓

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(b) Held on charge by 307 Works Section (29 July 44) stated to be on behalf of Main 209 Italian Div, Chiete.

Dodge 3 ton GS 5176623 ✓
Dodge 15cwt GS 5184135 ✓
Dodge 3 ton GS 4819335 ✓
Ford 15 cwt GS 1326749 ✓
Ford 15 cwt GS 1332107 ✓

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(On Return)
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(R.B. LEECH) Lt Col
for Maj Gen
Comd

RBL/sdr

14/5. P/A 1807. All included in LO 10/51 ✓

For A.T. 100/100

Recd 11/1/45

File ST/1807

Subject :- H.D. Vehicles loaned to Italian Army Units.

32/1807

2 May 1953

LAND FORCES SUB COMD A.C. (ITALIA)
ROME
Tel : Rome ADDOMI Regt 526

To :- HQ 2 District.

Copy to:- HEAD HQ 2 District
" " 1 District.

Reference your 2550 G(SEC) of 12 April.

1. The following vehicles have been traced and are now with the units as shown hereunder :-

<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>In possession of</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Dodge 3 ton - 5175623	Assigned to HQ 2 (ARMY)	ITALY
Dodge 3 ton - 11819205	assigned 500 Guard Bn	
Dodge 3 " - 1019333	" 400 I.P.L. Regt.	Vittorio
Dodge 3 " - 5173262	" 209 Division	
Dodge 3 " - 5223362	" 209 " "	Portofino
Ford 15 cwt - 21332107	" 209 " "	
Ford 15 " - 1326749	" 209 " "	
Ford 15 " - 25153717	" 209 " "	
Ford 15 " - 21981648	" 209 " "	
Dodge 15 " - 25121135	" 209 " "	

2. Should a representative of your HQ wish to examine the vehicles it is suggested that he make contact with Capt. BOURNE HQ 1 District (telephone no Portofino 6116) who will be able to give him precise directions for finding the vehicles.
3. Further inquiries are being made regarding the remaining vehicles shown in your letter.

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For Lt. Col. ADST.,
Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (ITALIA)

File

Subject :- W.D. Vehicles loaned to Italian Army Units.

SI/1807

30 Apr 45

LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C. (M.I.A.)
ROME

Tel : Rome 439084 Ext 526

To :- HQ 2 District. ←

1. Reference your 2358 G (SD2) of 12 April 45.
2. The following ^{units} can be accounted for by 209 Division :-

VEHICLE	UNIT TO WHICH ASSIGNED	LOCATION
Dodge 3 ton - 5176623 ✓	B.L.R'd to REE (ANCONA)	
Dodge 3 " 14819203	assigned 520 Guard Bn	Iesi
Dodge 3 " 4819335 ✓	" 400 I.P.L. Regt.	Vitiano
Dodge 3 " 5175204	" 209 Division.	
Dodge 3 " 5223564	" 209 "	
Ford 15 cwt 21352107 ✓	" 209 "	
Ford 15 " 1326749 ✓	" 209 "	Perugia
Ford 15 " 25183717	" 209 "	
Ford 15 " 24981848	" 209 "	
Dodge 15 " 25184135 ✓	" 209 "	

3. Further enquiries are being made regarding the remaining vehicles.

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Sub Lt. Col. CP 3200
for Lt. Col. ADST.,
Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (M.I.A.)

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I. The following vehicles can be accounted for by 209 Div :--

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3. Ref para I of the 2 District letter 2358C of 12 Apr., it is pointed out that these vehicles were released by Rear 8 Army and put on the charge of British units, who then lent them to Italian units. When I was in the VASIO area, considerable trouble was caused by the British units on whose charge the vehicles were, failing to maintain contact with the Italian units. Frequently the British unit moved without the Area concerned assigning the

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209 Div :--

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Dodge 3 ton	4819335	" " 400 I.P.L. Regt.	1744NO
Dodge 3 ton	5173264	" " 209 Division.	
Dodge 3 ton	5223364	" " 209	
Ford 15 cwt.	21332107	" " 209	
Ford 15 "	1326749	" " 209	
Ford 15 "	25183717	" " 209	
Ford 15 "	24981848	" " 209	
Dodge 15 "	25184135	" " 209	

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2. 541, 515 & 522 Rgts, O/Co Tappa ORTONA, 3 Coy /120 Regt & 3 Bn Speciale are not in I District and not under 209 Div. The information as to the whereabouts of the other vehicles would be best obtained via 3 District in which these units are now located. I am not sure whether some of these units have been since dissolved. The I.O. at BARI would know.

3. Ref para 1 of the 2 District letter 2358G of 12 Apr., it is pointed out that these vehicles were released by Rear 8 Army and put on the charge of British units, who then lent them to Italian units. When I was in the VASPO area, considerable trouble was caused by the British units on whose charge the vehicles were, failing to maintain contact with the Italian units. Frequently the British unit moved without the Area concerned passing the vehicle on to the charge of a British unit still in the area. As a result the documentation of these vehicles went astray.

W. J. J. J.
MIA W. J. J. District.
Capt.

Subject :- W.D. Vehicles loaned to Italian Army Units.

ST/1807

30 Apr 45

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C. (M.I.A.)

ROME

Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

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

1. It is desired to trace certain British vehicles which were employed by Italian Units between April and September 1944 in the region of Vares. These vehicles were held on charge of certain British units and loaned to Italian units as shown hereunder :-

<u>On charge to British Unit</u>	<u>Loaned to Italian Unit</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	
		<u>15 cwt.</u>	<u>3 Ton</u>
24 Cnd Adm Coy	541 Regt.	2	2
	1/54 Bn.	-	1
369 Wsps Section R.E.	515 Regt.	1	1
	522 Regt.	1	2
270 Wsps Section R.E.	Comando Toppe, Ortona	-	1
Mountain School Sepino	5 Coy 120 Regt.	1	3203
A.C.P. 3.	3 Bn Speciale	1	2

2. Will you please ascertain if the vehicles are still with the above mentioned units advising this HQ of their exact present location, or, in the case of units now disbanded, say how the vehicles have been disposed of.
3. Please treat this matter as urgent.

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

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Subject :- W.D. Vchs loaned to Italian Army Units.

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20 Apr 45

LAND FORCE SUB COM1 A.C. (MILIA)
ROME
Tel : Rome 482031 Ext 526

To :- No. 2 District.

1. Ref your 2356 G (SD2) of 12 April.
2. Enquiries are being made regarding the present disposition of the vehicles, and you will be informed of the result as soon as possible.
3. It would be of assistance if you could quote the W.D. Nos of the vehicles concerned.

Scally for Lt. Col. ADST.
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MILIA)

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Copy to: - Admin 40,2 District.

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Subject :- W.D. Vehs loaned to Italian Army Units.

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20 APR 45

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C. (MILIA)
ROME

Tel : Rome 489091 Ext 526

To :- L.O. Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MILIA)
1 District, (for Capt. Bourne)

1. Attached copies of correspondence from 2 District are forwarded.
2. It is thought that you were L.O. in the Vasto area during the period under consideration, and may therefore be in a position to answer the questions raised in para 2 of the above mentioned letter.
3. Would you please treat the matter as urgent.

WMDV/ag.

Handwritten signature
for Lt. Col ADST.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MILIA)

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Subject: TransportHQ 2 District CMF
2358 G (SD2)

12 Apr 45

Land Forces Sub Commission
(MMIA) ROME

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1. It is desired to trace certain vehicles which were employed by various Italian Units between April and September 1944 in the region of VASTO. These vehicles were held on the charge of certain British Units, as shown at Appendix 'A'. The actual arrangements were by MMIA (VASTO). — ORTONA — 101ST.
2. It would be much appreciated if you would communicate with units concerned and inform this HQ where the vehicles now are, or how they were disposed of.
3. It would further be appreciated if you would regard the matter as urgent.

G. P. Campbell
Capt

GPC/VJ

Lieutenant Colonel
General Staff

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S & T, MMIA.

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Appendix 'A' to HQ 2 District
letter 2358 G (SD2) dated
12 Apr 45

On charge to British Unit	On Behalf of Italian Unit	Vehicles	
		15 owt	3 ton
24 Ord Amn Coy	541 Regt	2	2 *
369 Wks Sec RE	1/54 Bn. Italian Army	1	1 *
67 Garrison	515 Regt	1	1 *
	522 Regt	1	2 *
562 Fd Coy RE	209 Div	2	3
270 Wks Sec RE	209 Div	1	-
	209 Div	2	3
Mountain School SEPINO	Commando Tappa ORTONA	-	1 *
A.C.P. 3.	5 Coy 120 Regt	1	- *
	3 Bn Speciale	1	2 *
		11	15
		5	5
		6	10

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Subject: - Italian Army Transport - Maintenance.

SE/31/E

28 Oct 44.

Military Mission Italian Army.

ROME.

tel: Rome 489081 EXT 226.

To: MMIA LG, 67 Garrison.

Copy: A/Q MMIA.

1. In reply to your letter dated 11 Oct 44, Subject - Italian Military - Transport.
2. The policy with regard to British transport issued by British Units to Italian Units under command, clearly lays down that such transport remains on charge to the British Unit issuing, and the officer responsible for the maintenance of such transport is the British Commanding Officer.
3. While your difficulties are appreciated, in view of the foregoing, the proposals put forward in your letter under reply cannot be effected through MIL channels.

/JLD

(O.C. PAPERMAN).
Major RASC.
for Lt. Col.
ADST, MMIA.

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INTER OFFICE MINUTE

FTE: E/31

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To see Folio 2.

- Correct*
- (a) I cannot think that the maintenance of British vehicles allotted to Italian units under British command is in any way the concern of MHA.
- (b) Bourne's proposals are perfectly alright, but I suggest are not for MHA to take up.
- The responsibility falls to District, etc., Commanders who should make adequate local arrangements, as distinct from academic and ineffective attachments and affiliations.
- (c) The matter is one of policy as affecting the work of L.Os. Will you reply to Bourne?

24 Oct 1944.

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fu. Lt. Col.
absent
on journey

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British 1st armed div British Units

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to Italian units under Command remain
 on Bx charge. The officer responsible
 is the Bx Command Offr

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write to Bourne on lines of above pt.

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To see Note 2.

- (a) I cannot think that the maintenance of British vehicles allotted to Italian units under British command is in any way the concern of NSA.
- (b) Bourne's proposals are perfectly alright, but I suggest are not for NSA to take up.

The responsibility falls to District, etc., Commanders who should make alternate local arrangements, as distinct from academic and ineffective attachments and affiliations.

- (c) The matter is one of policy as affecting the work of L.Os. Will you reply to Bourne?

Oct 22,

Int. Off.

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