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Italian Army MT-Stores Bn MIDEAST

Dec. 1944 - Ap. 1945

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Subject :- N.T. Stores from Middle East.

SE/1907

6 Apr 45

LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C. (MIA)
ROME
Tel : 409081 Ext 322

To :- MIA Senior Liaison Officer
Naples.
For Transport L.O.

1. Further to our letter SE/1907 dated 31 Mar 45.
2. 30 Tons of N.T. Stores in 700 Cases, consigned to Magazine Centrale Part 1 Nicotro Road for MIA GEN 362, are reported to be in the hands of the shipping authorities. These form the first batch of 600 Tons expected.
3. It is not known to which port they will be consigned, nor have we been advised of any shipping particulars.
4. It will be necessary, however, to clear the docks and find a suitable transit storage space at an Italian MT Unit pending transport being arranged to Rome.
5. Please have in mind suitable arrangements at each port, either Naples, Bari, Taranto, or Brindisi as the actual shipping advice may not give much time.

TWNT/eg.

L. M. May
Major RAOC,
for Lt. Col. ADP,
Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (M.I.A.)

Cop to :- MIA Senior L.O. c/o 54 Area.

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Subject :- IR Spaces from Midwest.

37/1907

LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C. (MIA)

ROME

21 Mar 45

Tel : 489091 Ext 322

To :- LC, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MIA)
St. Agos.

1. Further to our 37/1515 dated 20 March 45, the first 30 tons of these spaces are already in the hands of the shipping authorities.
2. Exact details of shipment will be sent as soon as these are known.
3. Please advise this Office as soon as you hear anything of this consignment.

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Major RAGO,
for Lt Col ADGE,

KME/ag

Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MIA)

Copy to: LC, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MIA)

Naples

MIA Transport LO, Naples

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*Secret*Subject :- Stores from Mideast

ST/1515

20 Mar. 45Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA)
ROME

tel : Rome 489061 EXT 526

To : Major Baker
at N°1 Repairs Unit

1. There are 600 tons of stores arriving from Mideast in the near future under OSME 862.
2. All cases will be so marked.
3. Freight is being applied for at present in lots of 100 cases.
4. It is not known how soon shipping space will be allotted, but space for these stores must be borne in mind in laying out the stores.

Major ACC
for ADST Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(MMIA)

Copy to : MMIA Liaison Officer c/o HQ 54 Area
for the attention of Major KYLE - Please watch for
arrival of these stores at either Naples or Reel Porto
and advise this Office.

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AFHQ MESSAGE CENTER
INCOMING MESSAGE

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ST/1907

FROM: MIDEAST

TO: AFHQ.

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: QAE/85460, 6 February 1945.

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For FHSUP NAQMC.

Your F/80268 of 6 January refers.

Subject visit of AFHQ reps to MIDEAST concerning captured enemy equipment.

1. Impracticable to compile list of MT spares as unable to identify.

2. Suggest you accept complete stock of approximate 600 tons items considered usable now at ALEXANDRIA.

3. Alternatively suggest you send representatives including Italian MT expert to identify and select requirements on spot.

NOTE: F 80268 MC OUT 1927 6/1/45 QM (CEMS)

ACTION: QM(CEMS)

INFORMATION: G-3

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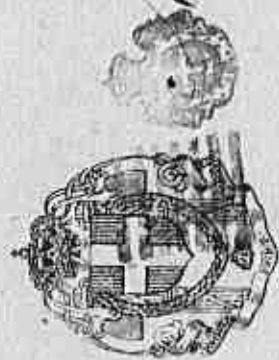
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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE

Div. LL - Sez. II

Prot. N. 24913

Roma, 11 DIC 1944

OGGETTO: Invio esperto ad Alessandria d'Egitto.



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

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - GABINETTO -

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ROMA

SEDE

1. A seguito conversazione telefonica del 7 dicembre 944 tra Colonnello Balanzino e Maggiore Papineau.
2. In analogia a quanto concesso dalla sottocommissione Aeronautica Alleata circa invio ad Alessandria d'Egitto, con aereo in partenza da Bari, prevista per il giorno 7 corrente, di un esperto italiano aeronautico per scelta e successivo ricupero di ricambi automobilistici di origine italiana.
3. Pregasi compiacersi autorizzare l'invio di un esperto di questo Ministero, con analogo incarico, significando che tali ricambi ed in particolar modo le gomme, sono per la maggior parte di origine dell'Esercito e non dell'Aeronautica.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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of the same in 1900. It is in the same position as in 1900.

1. U.Z.A.F. have arranged with Air Force Sub Commission for an Italian Air Force office to visit Midwest to locate any Italian Air Force U.S. stores still there.
2. I feel that there must be considerable quantities of U.S. stores, including guns and tanks, still in Midwest particularly Libya, and East Africa, which would if shipping can be arranged, make a substantial contribution towards solving the problem here. I hear from personal knowledge that there were heavy stocks of Italian Army material in Libya at one time.
3. I suggest A.M. be asked to signal Midwest and East Africa on following lines:-
"Can you state whether any stocks of Italian Army U.S. spare parts, guns, tanks, or other U.S. equipment exist in your theatre, which could be transferred to Italy, where there is critical need of all such stores to re-equip the 8th Army Italian Army U.S. thereby reducing need for Allied assistance".
4. There must also be stocks of Italian U.S. spares, etc in Greece which if not totally worked up will disappear. If Italian Army vehicles are being shipped back to Italy it is logical spare parts should come as well.
I suggest A.M. be asked to take similar action as in 3 above. Further that it might not be a bad idea to send Hall to Greece to have a look round.
5. If you agree to 3 above and dependent on supplies received we could arrange for a small Italian Army Commission to go to Moscow and arrange details of that end.

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5. I suggest AMB be asked to signal Alden and have Alden on following lines:
- "Can you state whether any stocks of Italian Army M.T. spare parts, tubes, or other M.T. equipment exist in your theatre, which could be transferred to Italy, where there is critical need of all such items to replenish the Italian Army M.T. thereby returning road for Allied assistance?"
4. There must also be stocks of Italian M.T. spares, also in Greece, which if not quickly rounded up will disappear. If Italian Army vehicles are being shipped back to Italy it is logical spare parts should come as well.
- I suggest AMB be asked to take similar action as in 3 above. Further, that it might not be a bad idea to send Hall to Greece to have a look round.
5. If you agree to 3 above and dependent on reply received we could arrange for a small Italian Army Commission to go to Alden and arrange details at that end.

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Lt. Col.
AMB.

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INTER OFFICE MINUTE

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To: ADST
(for A/O)

Subject:- Italian MT Stores in Middle East.

1. Col Balansino telephoned this morning to say that arrangements have been made by Air Force Sub Commission for an Italian Air Force Officer to visit Middle East to locate Regia Aeronautica MT stores in Libya or elsewhere in Mideast.
2. Col Balansino wants similar permission for an Army officer particularly with reference to Tyres and Tubes.
3. I think the first practical step might be to signal along following lines:-

Mideast for DCS - OETA - MESO.

Can you state whether any substantial stocks of Italian Army M.T. Spares and/or Tyres and Tubes are known to exist anywhere in Mideast particularly Libya. If so please give details and state whether such stocks are already being consumed or are earmarked for allocation or would be available for transfer to Italy. Tyres particularly would be of greatest direct benefit to Allied war effort here.

4. I presume we should have to send any such signal via ARHQ.
5. On receipt of reply we should have a guide as to whether it would be worth while for an Italian Army and OETA officer to make the journey.

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