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SUBJECT:- Writes Off - Gruppi

British Increment (Q Branch)
HQ Fifth Army
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Rear Eighth Army (3)
AFHQ - Q(AE)
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Q.1 please see -

1. Questions have been raised as to the financial responsibility for losses of vehicles and eqpt by the Gruppi di Combattimenti.
2. The matter has already been taken up by higher authority with a view to deciding on policy as the position is not, at present, clear.
3. Meantime, pending a decision on policy, you are requested to investigate all losses and record them by means of AFs 0998 which should be forwarded in triplicate to MMIA, in order that the necessary records may be available should the ultimate policy be that the Italian Government do pay.

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LT ANKAND, Lt Col
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Subject: Writes Off - Combat Gps.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
Q/05/39

6 June 1945

To: "P" BLU INFO ICP

1. Reference conversation Lt Col CUNNINGHAM - Major GELARDI and further to this HQ letter Q/05/39 dated 4 May 45.
2. No firm ruling has been given yet by AFHQ regarding writes-off for losses incurred by the Combat Gps but attached for information is a copy of correspondence on this subject between Fifth Army and AFHQ.

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P. P. P.

P. P. FARMER, J/Comm.
for Colonel, DASQMS
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Writes Off - Gruppo di
Co battimento

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL. No. FREEDOM 518

AFHQ/BAOO/C(AE)

19 May 45

Br Inor. Fifth Army

Reference your 12 A dated 6 May 45.

1. Your para 1. It is correct to say that a Gruppo is equipped and maintained through normal British supply channels, and that all vehicles and equipment supplied are held on charge by the Gruppo or any of its supporting units. It is, however, incorrect to say that all vehicles and equipment supplied to a Gruppo are debited against the Italian Government. The position is as follows. The Gruppi are treated, basically like any other unit of the Italian Army and receive a basic scale of clothing and equipment as laid down by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in PAN 338 of 26.2.44, no copy to you. If, however, we decided to use any portion of the Italian Army to fulfil an allotted task for which the basic scale of clothing and equipment is insufficient, then extra equipment may be loaned to them to carry out the task. In this direction, you are invited to read AG Memorandum 400/105 of 22 Sep, para 3(a). It will, therefore, be seen that, whilst the Gruppi are, in fact, receiving British equipment, it is not debited to the Italian Government. In another directive AG 400/031 GDS of 6 Oct 44, copy to Hq 5 Army, it is stated that when the allotted task has been completed and we require the Gruppi to return such equipment that they have had on loan, any items of equipment originally supplied and not returned after a period of 15 days on receipt of demand to return, will then be debited to the Italian Government. It is obvious that the question of vehicles MVR'd, losses of equipment, are not covered.

2. This Headquarters has not yet received any guidance from the War Office on the financial angle or ultimate charges to be made against the Italian Government for any or all of equipment supplied, to fulfil an allotted task. For your information, this staff section is now actively pursuing this matter with the Financial Adviser and other interested parties in this Headquarters, in the hope of achieving at least an interim policy. You will be advised immediately a decision has been reached.

3. In the meantime, you are requested to continue to record all losses, the BLU should investigate and AFs G 998 should be completed and disposed of through MMIA. In this way we shall have a record of all losses of equipment so that should the ultimate policy be that the Italian Government pay, we have records ready to implement such a decision.

JJE/EDM

Sgd. J. J. SLAN, Lieut.-Colonel,
for Major General, G-4 (Br).

Copy to: H.Q. Eighth Army
M.H.I.A.) with copy of fifth Army letter.

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SUBJECT :- Writes Off - Gruppo 84 Combattimento

British Increment (A Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army
CIB

Phone No. LIGHTNING REAR 162.

12 A

6 May 45

AFHQ, Q(AS)

1. A Gruppo is equipped and maintained through normal British supply channels and the BIC attached to the Gruppo. All vehicles and equipment so supplied are held on charge by the Gruppo and not by the BIC or any other unit or formation on behalf of the Gruppo. All vehicles and equipment supplied to a Gruppo are debited against the Italian Government.
2. It is considered therefore that the write off of the value of lost vehicles and equipment on charge to a Gruppo should be dealt with through Italian channels.
3. It is requested that this be confirmed or the correct procedure for write off of vehicles and equipment on charge to a Gruppo stated. May the correct procedure also please be stated for obtaining replacements for vehicles and equipment lost should write off be effected through Italian channels.

(sgl) ?????????? Brigadier
Deputy Chief of Staff (British)
Fifth Army.

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SUBJECT: Write Off.

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'P' BLU. IMTC. ICF.

Ref: AQ/17A/677

5 June 45.

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To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (10MIA).

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With further reference to our AQ/17A/473
dated 2 May 45 and your Q/CS/39, dated 4 May 1945,
may we please be informed if a decision has yet
been reached on the subject of "write-off".

Signature
Colonel.
AA & QIB.

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Subject: Lorries and Write Off

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O R E
6/03/59

4 May 1945

To: CG Fifth Army (for Br Increment)

Reference letter A3/20/6 dated 27 Apr 45 from 52 BIL addressed to "A" Branch Br Increment Rear Hq Fifth Army, copy to this Hq.

1. With regard to para 3, it is pointed out that MICA does not at the moment take accounting action in respect of vehicles and equipment supplied to Grappi.

2. The question of charging the Italian Government and the procedure to be adopted for "write-off" has been referred to AFHQ for a ruling.

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P.P.P.

P. P. VARDHILL, J/Comm.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Rear Hq 52 BIL.
"A" MICA

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Subject: Write Off

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(H. H. I. A.) ROME
2/04/39

4 May 1945

To: "F" BLI INTO ICP

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Reference your A/17A/473 dated 2 May 1945.

1. The whole question of charging the Italian Government and the procedure to be adopted for "write-off" of equipment and vehicles supplied to the Combat Ops from British sources has been referred already to AFHQ. As soon as a ruling has been given you will be informed.

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P. P. L.
P. P. PARNELL, J/Comd.
for Colonel, RAS/381
H. H. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ for 3(AS) - our 2/04/39 dated 16 Apr 45 refers.
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SUBJECT :- Write Off

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'P' HCU INTO ICF
Ref AQ/17A/473

2 May 45

LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (MIA)

Now that all Units of HCU ICF are completing monthly census returns and also Part X Orders for the movement of vehicles and Guns it becomes necessary to know if any procedure is laid down for 'write-off' in the event of part or total loss through, theft, fire, accident or any other causes.

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[Signature]
Lieut-Col RA

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SUBJECT:- Losses and Write off

Rear HQ.,
52 British Liaison Unit.
CAF.

27 April 45

AG/20/6

To:- "A" Branch.,
British Increment
HQ Rear Fifth Army

Reference your 12 A and 12A/1 both of 12 April.

1. A ruling is requested on the position of Italian Gruppo di Combattimenti in relation to Losses of Vehicles and/or Equipment of any sort and the procedure to be adopted.

2. Each Gruppo is equipped and maintained from British sources through normal supply channels and the BLU attached to the Gruppo. All vehicles and equipment so supplied are held on charge by the Gruppo direct and not by the BLU or other Unit of Formation on behalf of the Gruppo.

3. All vehicles and equipment supplied to a Gruppo are debited against the Italian Government. The system of accounting and payment is not known to this unit but is carried out by MMIA.

4. From the above it would appear that the question of writing off any such losses or charging payment of the whole or any part of the loss to an individual is an Italian internal matter only, as whatever the decision the ultimate cost of replacement is borne by the Italian Government. It is therefore considered that the normal British procedure of Courts of Inquiry is not applicable.

5. It is requested that:-

- 1) A ruling be obtained that losses be dealt with through Italian channels and that British procedure be dispensed with.
- 2) A directive be issued as to the correct procedure for obtaining replacements of vehicles and equipment lost where write off action has been taken through Italian channels.

sources through normal supply channels and the armament supplied to the Gruppo. All vehicles and equipment so supplied are held on charge by the Gruppo direct and not by the ALU or other Unit of Formation on behalf of the Gruppo.

3. All vehicles and equipment supplied to a Gruppo are debited against the Italian Government. The system of accounting and payment is not known to this unit but is carried out by MEIA.

4. From the above it would appear that the question of writing off any such losses or charging payment of the whole or any part of the loss to an individual is an Italian internal matter only, as whatever the decision the ultimate cost of replacement is borne by the Italian Government. It is therefore considered that the normal British procedure of Courts of Inquiry is not applicable.

3. It is requested that:-

1) A ruling be obtained that losses be dealt with through Italian channels and that British procedure be dispensed with.

11) A directive be issued as to the correct procedure for obtaining replacements of vehicles and equipment lost where write off action has been taken through Italian channels.

WES/WH.

Copies to:- HQ Legnano Gruppo 41 Combattimento.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MEIA)

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Subject: AF's 998 - ITALIAN Combat Group.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
3/02/39

16 April 1945

To: AFHQ for Q/AS.

1. AF's 998 to the value of \$6339-11-7 in respect of losses of clothing, equipment, etc. due to causes OTHER than the exigencies of the service have been received.
2. Will you please say if this sum is to be charged to the ITALIAN Government.
3. So far only a small amount of Ammunition has been charged to the ITALIAN Government by MMIA out of all the items issued to the Combat Force.
4. Will you please issue instructions as to the responsibility of MMIA for
 - (a) Charging to the ITALIAN Government items of clothing and equipment, vehs, etc. issued from Ar Depots to Combat Formations.
 - (b) charging up of AF's 998.
5. It is mentioned that if it is your intention to charge to the ITALIAN Government ALL articles issued that no question arises over 998 as articles already belong to the ITALIAN Government. If any items are to be "On loan for a specific mission" basis then instructions for AF's 998 are required.

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Copy to: JI MMIA.

F. J. Noanell.
F. J. Noanell, Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: Writes Off.

50 Br: Liaison Unit.

Ref: ORD/47.

4 Apr. 1948.

H.Q. MMIA

1. Herewith AFe 6998 in respect of losses of clothing, equipment, etc due to causes other than through the exigencies of the service for the 1st Italian Combat Group.

2. It is thought that there are still AFe 6998 outstanding for units within the Group and this is being ascertained from the Ufficio Commissariato.

3. Attached at Appendix 'A' please find summary of a/m AFe 6998.

[Signature]

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Major,
for DAA & QMG.

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Copy to: H.Q. 50 BLU.

Appendix 'A' to OMA dated 4 Apr 1945.

Unit	Date	Amount	Total	Unit	Date	Amount	Total
87 Inf Bgt	20.1.45	1895					
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"	"	30051		"	"	1313	
"	"	7792		"	"	1158	
"	"	15972		"	"	3813	
"	"	1327		"	"	1851	
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"		6126		95			
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