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Ministero della Guerra

Direzione Generale del Genio

Divisione Mater. L.

Dir. VII/23382/Allegati

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25 MAR 1945

LA DIREZIONE LAVORI GENIO

MILITARE

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Q. 7611
Rapporto al T. Genio del
Dir. L.

OGGETTO Distribuzione provvisoria di un compressore stradale.

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA L. 10000 SUB COMMISSIONE A.G. (AMIA)
(all'attenzione del Mads. Coopleston)
AL COMANDO GENIO MILITARE

ALLO SPOLITIFICIO P. 5000000
(rif. L. 2035 del 15/2/45)

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Codesta Direzione è pregata disporre ~~che~~ in compressore stradale a benzina tipo Turicelli da 8 ton. targ. R.B. 1013.6. esistente nel magazzino della Magliana venga dato in distribuzione provvisoria allo Spolitificio P. 5000000.

Lo spolitificio R.F. come ha comunicato con il foglio in riferimento, cura che il compressore venga ritirato e rimesso in efficienza dal Reparto Americano P.B.3. Mevian Maintenance Shop n° 3, che lo impiegherà per la manutenzione dei viali.

Ultimata tale sistemazione lo spolitificio curerà il sollecito versamento del compressore stesso.

La Direzione Lavori, a suo tempo, informerà le scrivente dell'avvenuto versamento.

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P. IL MINISTRO
(Col. 1210000)

ALLA LAND FORCE COMMISSION A.C. (MIA)
(all'attenzione del Mess. Geopleston)
AL COMAND. GENIO MILITARE
ALLO SPOLLETTIFICIO R. MUNIFICIO
(rif. F. 2075 del 15/5/545)

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Codesta Divisione è pregata di esporre ~~che~~ in
compressore stradale a benzina tipo Paricelli da 8
tonn. marca R.B. 1011.9. esistente nel magazzino del-
la Magliana venga dato in distribuzione provvisoria
allo Spollettificio R. Esposito.

Lo spollettificio R.E. essa ha comunicato con
il foglio in riferimento, circa che il compressore
venga ritirato e rimesso in officina del Reparto
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(COL. FIORELLI)
Conestione

DI/oa



Ministro della Guerra

Direzione Generale del Genio

Divisione Mater. Sc.

Int. N. XI/23252/100000

LA LAND FORCE SUB COMMISSION

WENG/1 A.C. (MILIA)

= R O M A

Resp. al. Sig. del 7/5/1945

OGGETTO Mezzi di sabotaggio italiani.

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO S.M.A.E. - Ufficio C.A.

ALLO S.M.A.E. - Ufficio Coordinamento

= P.M. 3800

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- I congegni ed orologeria per scoppio di mine a tempo venivano allestiti da una ditta specializzata di Como che nel 1943 aveva ricevuto l'ordine di allestirne un certo quantitativo per conto di questo Ministero.

- Gli apparecchi Lanfranchi a scatto predeterminato venivano allestiti dalla Ditta omonima di Pavia che nel 1943 aveva ricevuto l'ordine di allestirne alcune esemplari.

- Non si sa quanti ne furono effettivamente approntati e quanti ne rimasero dopo gli eventi che seguirono l'armistizio. Si ha motivo di ritenere però che alcuni esemplari sia che degli uni che degli altri si potranno avere facendone richiesta alle Ditte costruttrici, richiesta che potrà essere fatta direttamente dagli Ufficiali che questa Direzione Generale invierà prossimamente in Alta Italia per il recupero dei materiali del Genio esistenti nei magazzini locali e presso le Ditte costruttrici.

- Qualora codesta Commissione concordi di procedere in tal senso è pregata di volerne dare comunicazione per le ulteriori disposizioni da impartire.

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IN	13/4
OUT	16.45 17.5

P. IL MINISTRO
 (Gen. Div. G. CRIVARO)



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

CIRCULAR)
NUMBER 5)

11 April 1945

Road Traffic Control Code.....
Title to Italian Army Vehicles..... I
..... II

I - ROAD TRAFFIC CONTROL CODE

The maximum speeds shown in paragraph 4 b, Section I, AFHQ Circular Number 28, 1944, are changed as follows:

For British Vehicles

- 5. Lorries (over 1 ton and up to and including 6 ton) including troop carriers and semi-trailers - 30 mph.
- 6. Lorries (exceeding 6 ton load capacity) including semi-trailers - 20 mph.

For US Vehicles

- 6. Trucks 4 ton all models - 30 mph.
Trucks 6 ton all models - 30 mph.

II - TITLE TO ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES

The title to vehicles of the Italian Armed Forces falls into two categories as follows:

- 1. Vehicles captured by the Allied Armies prior to the Armistice with Italy - These vehicles have become spoils of war and remain the property of the Allied Military Authorities who have discretion to allot them as they see fit in accordance with existing instructions covering captured enemy material.

2. All other vehicles of the Italian Armed Forces

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- a. These remain the property of the Italian Government as outlined in AFHQ Circulars Number 13, and Number 29, 1944.

b. This transport should be used to the maximum benefit of the Italian Nation as a whole, bearing in mind the calls made by Headquarters AFHQ on the resources of the Allied Armies to meet essential civilian requirements.

- c. The allocation of this transport in accordance with paragraph b above will be made as follows:

Italian Army vehicles by the Land Forces Sub Commission AC
(MIL). Italian Air Force vehicles by the Air Forces Sub Commission AC

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Italian Army vehicles by the Land Forces Sub Commission AG (1944). Italian Air Force vehicles by the Air Force Sub Commission AG. Italian Navy vehicles by the Navy Sub Commission AG. Transport surplus to the minimum needs of the

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ARMY Circular No. 5 (cont'd)

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Italian Armed Forces which is desired for civilian use by Headquarters AG will be allotted to civilian use by the appropriate Sub Commission, AG, title thereof and operation thereof being by the Italian Army Forces under the control of the appropriate Sub Commission, AG.

d. The Italian Armed Forces will exert every effort to locate and acquire vehicles still undiscussed. Allied Authorities will give every assistance possible to the Italian Authorities and to the respective Sub Commissions, AG. Any vehicles coming into the possession of the Allied Authorities will be reported to the appropriate Sub Commission, AG for disposal.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALBERT KUNER:

OFFICIAL:

(SGA) G. W. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, AGC
Adjutant General

W. C. MORRIS
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

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Subject:- Use of Shunting Engine

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
RE 5/1
20 Jan 45

Officer Commanding
306 B.P.C.S., RASC

Ref your 306BP32/6 of 9 Jan 45.

The Italian Ministry of War has instructed the officer in charge of the Italian Fuel Depot, MONOPOLI, to loan you the shunting engine when required by you (their 2397/23/A/7 of 27 Jan - copy not att. - refer).

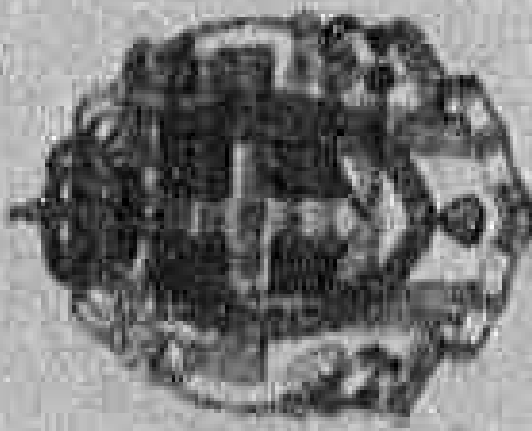
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Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)

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DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE

- Divisione II^a - Sezione III^a -

N^o 2642 23/A/7 di prot.

P.M. 3800,11

27 GEN 1945

OGGETTO: - motore ferroviario Diesel del deposito c. e l. di Monopoli.-

RE

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

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Con riferimento al foglio RS/ 5/1 del 22 gennaio 1945 si comunica che lo scrivente con foglio n. 2387/23/A/7 in data odierna diretto al Deposito Carburanti R.E. di Monopoli ha autorizzato la cessione in prestito del motore ferroviario Diesel al 306 B.P.S.S.-

PIL MINISTRO

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the year 26 5/1 of 22 Jan
submitted to Station Head Diesel Depot Monopoli contains the loan of the
the Diesel motor to 306 B.P.S.S.

RE
ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (N.M.I.A.)

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P. IL MINISTRO

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Ref. foglio RE sp. 7 22 Jan. 1945 2387/23/A/7 of the same date addressed to Italian Land Forces Monopoli authorizes the loan of the Bty Diesel motor to 306 B.P.S.S.

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Subject: Italian Petrol Depot, MURPOLI

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MFA)

RE 5/1
in Jan 45

Ministry of War

A British Unit, No 306 B.P.S.S., at the Petrol Depot, MURPOLI has used in the past, with the agreement of the officer in charge of a nearby Italian Depot, a diesel-powered starting engine, belonging to the Italian Depot.

Please issue instructions to the Italian officer in charge, authorising loan of this engine, as work in the British Depot thereby greatly expedited.

Replied
10/1

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Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MFA)

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SUBJECT:-

Use of Shunting Engine.

306BPS/6.

Land Forces Sub-Commission,
A.C., (M.M.I.A.)

This Unit is operating a Petroleum Storage Installation at Monopoli and has occasionally borrowed, when necessary, a diesel-powered shunting engine in the possession of the local Italian Military Petrol Depot.

The Officer Commanding this Depot has always willingly co-operated in this matter but in view of a letter recently received by him from the Ministry of War he now asks that authority be requested from you to cover any such further loans.

It would be appreciated, therefore, if such authority might be granted as inability to use this machine would seriously hinder the operation of the Installation.

In the Field,
9 Jan 45.
HA/FW

R. C. Watts
Capt. R.A.S.C.,
O.C., No. 306 B.P.S.S., R.A.S.C.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT:- Compressor Set

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel : FILPOT 301

2514/12/RE

15 Nov 44

OE Distone

Copy to : M.M.I.A. ✓

*Re
19/10*

1. War Office are requesting details of a light compressor set which is at present at the Italian Army Stores Dump JESI (S.3939). Details of the machine are as follows :-

Makers Name	-	PESCARA
Type	-	Combined internal combustion Engine and Compressor Unit.
Index No	-	P.10
Capacity	-	90 cu.ft./min.

2. M.M.I.A. agree that we may have this machine.
3. Kindly arrange to collect this compressor and hold it in one of your stores.
4. Advise this office of receipt of the compressor and submit a report on its condition, capabilities etc.
5. Disposal instructions will then be issued from this Hq.

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Chacker

Captain, R.E.,
for Major-Gen,
Chief Engineer.

OE/rea

Encl: Copy of release order for above compressor set.

N. 122
SEGRETO

76 NOV. 1944

ISPETTORATO DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO

Risposta al

OGGETTO: Compressore Pescara.-

RE.

Carte annesse N.

- ALLA A. G. (M.M.I.A.)
Sottocommissione per l'Esercito -

'7/11

R O M A

Rifer. f. R.E./5/1 dell'8 novembre 1944.-

Moto compressori del tipo indicato in oggetto
ne esiste un solo esemplare depositato a Iesi ed in
carico all'Ufficio Stralcio del Com.Genio C.I.L.-

Con fonogramma n.5/3536 del 9/11/44 diretto per
conoscenza a codesta Sottocommissione il moto-compres-
sore è stato ceduto al Comando Genio Alleato A.A.I.-

E' annessa al gruppo una istruzione dalla quale
è possibile ricavare le sue caratteristiche e le mo-
dalità di uso di esso.

Non è stato possibile reperire altra istruzione.-

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L'ISPETTORE DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO
(Gen.Div. O.Grivaro)

Subject:- Italian Army Equipment

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMA)
RE 5/1
13 Nov 44

Chief Engineer AAI

Ref your 2514/12/RE dated 4 Nov and confirming telephone conversation FLETCHER - PHILLIPS.

1. There is only one PESCARA Air Compressor in Liberated Italy and this is in the C.I.L. Store in IESI. The exact location of the store in IESI is not known at present but will be forwarded later.
2. Attached herewith is copy of Release Order for this compressor.

QMF 4659

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Maj Gen
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMA)

Re 30
11/11

UFFICIO STRALCIO COMANDO GENIO CORPO ITALIANO
LIBERAZIONE

PIEDIMONTE D'ALIFE

e, per conoscenza:

(telescritto)

M.M.I.A.

(rif.intese telef.magg.Philips)

GUERRA GENIO

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N.5/3556 PRECISI DISPORRE URGENZA PERCHÉ FOTO-
COMPRESSORE TIPO PESCARA GIACENTE INSI SIA CE-
LUTO AT COMANDO GENIO ALLEATO A.A.I. PUNTO
PRELEVAMENTO SARA' EFFETTUATO A CURA DETTO CO-
MANDO PUNTO STANAGGIORE SERVIZI GENIO 1145091144



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Subject:- Italian Army Equipment

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)

EX 5/1

8 Nov 44

Ministry of War

1. It is reported that a light compressor is amongst the standard equipment of the Italian Army.

Details as known are as follows:-

Maker's Name	-	PESCARA
Type	-	Combined Internal Combustion Engine and Compressor Unit.
Order No.	-	P10
Capacity	-	90 cubic feet per minute

2. Will you please make a search and forward all details, including handbook, together with the availabilities of this compressor.

Bf 30 Nov.

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Maj Gen
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Italian Army Equipment HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT 92

2514/12/RE

MMIA(Attn Major Pegler)

4 Nov 44

Ref conversation PEGLER-FLETCHER 4 Nov.

1. War Office are requesting details of a light compressor set that is believed to have been included in the Italian Army Equipment.

Details

Maker's name	- PESCOARA.
Type	- Combined internal combustion Engine and Compressor Unit.
Index No	- P10
Capacity	- 90 cubic ft per minute.

2. It is requested that the Italian Army should make a further search and report details and availabilities of this compressor.

John Fletcher 4656
Major General,
Chief Engineer.

Subject:- Snowploughs.

14 OE Works,
HQ 2 District,
Ref. OE/559
Date. 10 Dec 43

OE 5/1
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M. M. I. A.

Reference conversation (Major Phillip - Capt. Maophail).

Will you please forward, as soon as possible and as arranged, a copy of the list showing the ploughs in CALABRIA which was handed to you by Capt. Maophail.
over.

Maophail
Capt. RE

Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.

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List of Snowploughs belonging to AASS in the provinces of CATANZARO, COS

<u>Type</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Rd</u>	<u>? Location</u>	<u>Where stored</u>	<u>Terminal points</u>
Trattore Fordson a nafta (Fordson diesel tractor)	1	19	182+334 Campotenese	Brick hut of AASS	Normanno-Carbonara
Trattore Fiat Mod.40 con spartineve (Fiat tractor with plough Mod.40)	1	19	330+610 Bonacci	Casa Cantoniera	Soveria Mannelli Bivio Serrastretta Soveria Mannelli Bivio Platania
Trattore Fiat 700/C (Fiat tractor)	1	107	81+365 Federici	" "	Casa Cant. Federici
Spartineve a turbina (Turbine snowplough)	1	107	81+365 "	" "	" " "
Trattore Fiat Mod.40 con spartineve (Fiat tractor Mod.40 with plough)	1	107	99+163 Outurella	" "	S. Giov. in Fiore

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Snowploughs belonging to AASS in the provinces of CATANZARO, COSENZA & REGGIO CAL

<u>?</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Where stored</u>	<u>Terminal points</u>	<u>Progressive extreme</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
182+334	Campotenese	Brick hut of AASS	Mormanno-Carbonara	173+000-190+000	Good-on Naples main rd
330+610	Bonacci	Casa Cantoniera	Soveria Mannelli Bivio Serrastretta Soveria Mannelli Bivio Platania	326+000-335+420 11+600- 28+100	Main rd TARANTO-NAPLES (. tna.
81+365	Federici	" "	Casa Cant. Federici	79+300-102+500	Good-for use in SILA This is one of the main timber carrying roads
81+365	"	" "	" " "	do.	
99+163	Caturella	" "	S. Giov. in Fiore	do	

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL SERIO
UFFICIO STRADA

Elenco degli spazzaneve in dotazione all'A.A.S.S.

Compartimento della Viabilità di Bari:

N° 1 spazzaneve costituito da trattore FIAT mod. 40 con cingoli e piani gommati, motore semi Diesel pollicarburante brevetto "Borghet" della potenza di 40 HP, accoppiato a gruppo spartineve con ali di prova ripiegabili, in ottimo stato di efficienza. Trovati depositati in magazzino presso la casa Cantoniara al Km. 95+859 della strada statale n° 96 "Barese" fra Toritto ed Altamura.

L'altro spazzaneve inefficiente è stato riparato a cura delle truppe alleate, che lo hanno trasportato in zona di impiego.

Sezione Autonoma della Viabilità di Potenza:

Numero 3 spazzaneve efficienti a Potenza per la strada statale n° 7, 96, 92, 94, 95. Due sono FIAT mod. 40 come il precedente, il terzo è un trattore FIAT mod. 700/C a cingoli e piani gommati con motore da 35 HP alimentato a benzina oppure a petrolio, accoppiato a gruppo spartineve con ali di prova ripiegabili.

Numero 1 spazzaneve efficiente fino mod. 40 a Moliterno per la strada statale n° 103.

Numero 1 spazzaneve inefficiente FIAT mod. 700/C per la strada statale n° 92.

Compartimento della Viabilità di Catanzaro:

Numero 1 trattore Fordson della potenza di 35 HP alimentato a benzina oppure a petrolio, efficiente; fissato presso la cantoniera Bonacci per la strada statale n° 19.

Numero 1 trattore FIAT mod. 40 con spartineve, efficiente, dislocato alla casa Cantoniara Loupa per la strada statale n° 106.

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di prua ripiegabili, l'ultimo stato di efficienza. Invece, rispetto al
to in magazzino presso la casa Cantoniera al km. 95+059 della stra-
da statale n° 95 "Barese" fra Toritto ed Altamura.

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a gruppo spartineve con ali di prua ripiegabili.

Numero 1 spazzaneve efficiente Fiat mod. 40 4 Moditerno per
la strada statale n° 103.

Numero 1 spazzaneve inefficiente FIAT mod. 700/C per la

strada statale n° 92. 4653

Compartimento delle Viabilità di Catanzaro:

Numero 1 trattore Fordson della potenza di 35 HP alimentato
a benzina oppure a petrolio, efficiente; dislocato presso la cantonie-
ra Bonacci per la strada statale n° 19.

Numero 1 trattore FIAT mod. 40 con spartineve, efficiente,
dislocato alla casa Cantoniera Lorus per la strada statale n° 106.

Numero 1 trattore FIAT mod. 700/C con spartineve, efficiente,
presso la casa Cantoniera Federici per la strada statale n° 107.

Numero 1 spazzaneve a turbina di cui non si hanno i dati co-
ratteristici, per la strada di cui sopra.

Gli spazzaneve di cui al presente elenco, possono sgombrare
fino ad un metro di neve a seconda dello stato della medesima.

Tabella variante da Km. 2 a Km. 20 circa.

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ARMY FORM 1 (Rev. 1-55)

MESSAGE FORM

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RE 5/1

FROM

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A) MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY

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For Action

G2 RE LIAISON att XXI ITALIAN CORPS

TO

(W) For Information (INFA)

DISTWO (CS)
FLANBO

Message Instructions

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Originator's Mark

RE 128

report early which snow ploughs of AASS in CALABRIA are required for (a) maintenance L of C (b) maintenance other important roads

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS

IF LIABILITIES TO BE SETTLED TO FALL INTO THESE HANDS THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
ORDER OF PRIORITY

Time

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Date

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Subject:- Location of Equipment

Military Mission to
Italian Army

Ref RE 5/1

6 Dec 43

C.E. EIGHTH Army

Ref your M 3017 RE dated 2 Dec 43.

Locations required are as follows:-

BONACCI - 5 kms from SOVERIA MANELLI on rd
SOVERIA MANELLI - CATANZARO map ref Z0755

FREDERICI - 1 km WEST of CAMIGLIETELLO BIANCHI
map ref Z0985

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RE 5/1/
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Subject:- Snowploughs.

Military Mission to
The Italian Army.
L.S. 31 Italian Corps,
CATANZARO.

5/12/43.

Ref:- L.S.

O.S.,
No. 2 District.

Further to my minute L.S. of 24/11/43. - 16

Herewith complete list of snowploughs in
CALABRIA. All the ploughs are in working order.

There are 5 mechanically propelled ploughs
which have in previous years, used as our main L. of C.
and on the road from CILA to COSENZA and CROTONE. The former
route speaks for itself and the latter one is one of the Army's
main sources of timber supply.

Work is falling in Cila at present.

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Copy to:- M.S.T.A. ✓

(no encl.)

M.S.T.A.

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Subject: Location of Equipment.

RE 5/1/17

Main HQ Eighth Army
M 3017 RE

BRP

2 Dec 43

MMIA

Ref your RE/5/1 dated 28 Nov.

It would be appreciated if map references of BONACCI
and FREDERICI could be forwarded as these places are not even
mentioned in the Gazetteer.

Blum
Brig.
CE.

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Subject:- Snowploughs

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Military Mission to
Italian Army.

Ref. RE 5/1

28 Nov 43

C.E. Main EIGHTH Army
copy C.E. No 2 District

Further to my RE 5/1 dated 21 Nov.

The following additional information has been received
regarding the snowploughs belonging to the A.A.S.S.:-

Type	Location
Fordson Nefta Tractor	Casa Cent. Compotenese State Rd 19
Fiat Mod. 40 " w/plough	" " Bonacci " 109
" " " " "	" " Lorica " 108
" " 700/C "	" " Frederici " 107
Snowplough (a turbina)	" " " " 107

In addition to the above there are a number of animal drawn
ploughs in this district.

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COMANDO GENIO 7^a ARMATA

Reparto Materiali

P.M. 107,

25 NOV. 1943

RE 5/1

RNP

ALLA DIREZIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

LEQUILF

N. 1820 di prot.

O g g e t t o : Spazzaneve . -

Reference letter 1679 dated 19 Nov.

A seguito foglio n. 1679 in data 19
corrente, si trasmette copia del foglio n.
1552/Str. in data 19/11/43 dell'Intendenza
7^a Armata-Direzione Strade. -

herewith attached is copy of letter 1552/STR dated
19.11.43 from Intendenza 7^a Army (Roads Dept.

P. IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE COMANDANTE a.p.s.
- O. Crivaro -

Col. *[Signature]*

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INTENDENZA 7^a ARMATA
Direzione Strade

N. di prot. 1552/Str.

P.M. 107, 11 19 novembre 1943

Risposta al fono n. 1061 del 2/11/43

Carte annesse 1

AL COMANDO GENIO 7^a ARMATA

P.M. 107

O g g e t t o: Spazzaneve . -

A completamento di quanto comunicato con lettera n. 1521/Str.
del 14 c.m., si trasmette l'unito elenco degli spazzaneve in dotazio-
ne al Compartimento della Viabilità con Sede in Catanzaro. -



Herewith list of snow ploughs belonging to Roadways Dept

in CATANZARO

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P. IL TEN. COL. DIRETTORE STRADE a.p.s.
F/to illegibile

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INTENDENZA 7^a ARMATA
Direzione Strade

Particolare of ploughs with Roadways Unit in Catanzaro.
Elenco degli spazzaneve in dotazione al Compartimento della vis-
bilità in Catanzaro. -

N. d'ord	Tipo degli spazzaneve <i>Type of snowploughs</i>	Dislocazione
1	<i>Trattore Fordson</i> Trattore Fordson a nafta	Casa Cant. Campotenese - S.S. 19
2	" <i>Mat Mod. 40 con spartineve</i> <i>with plough</i>	" " Bonacci - S.S. 109
3	" " " " " "	" " Lorica - S.S. 108
4	" " " 700/C	" " <i>X</i> Federici - S.S. 107
5	Spartineve a turbina <i>plough</i>	" <i>on the road to Catanzaro</i> <i>in the town of Catanzaro</i>

Unit also have wooden & iron ploughs horse or hand drawn.

B. Oltre ai predetti apparecchi, spartineve il Compartimento di-
spone di slittoni in legno ed in ferro a trazione animale *di legno*

P.M. 107, 11 19 novembre 1943

p. IL TEN. COL. DIRETTORE a.p.s.
F/to Cap. illegibile

D. G. C.

Cap. Palumbo



Subject: - Snowploughs.

(2)

RE 5/1
RSP

Military Mission to
The Italian Army.

L.O. XI Italian Corps.
CATANZARA.

24/11/43.

Ref. R.S. /102

C.R. No. 2 District.

Adv. Adm. Monahan.

Attached is a copy of minute ex DDW AFHQ

Do you concur with para. 2 ?

of the A.A.S.R.

Snowploughs mentioned are property

Release of all ploughs in para. 2. may
interfere with roads in the province of CALABRIA. This includes
by-roads from mountains where timber is located.

Reply to 4 attached.

Copy to W.M.I.A. ✓
DDW AFHQ Adv. Adm. Bth.
(1611/DDW of 12/11/43).

W.V.J.

John B. G.
Major.

Subject:- Snowploughs.

Directorate of works,
A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Ech.,
C.M.F.

IGIT/DDW.

15/II/43.

To:- B.M.F. to Italian 51st. Corps.

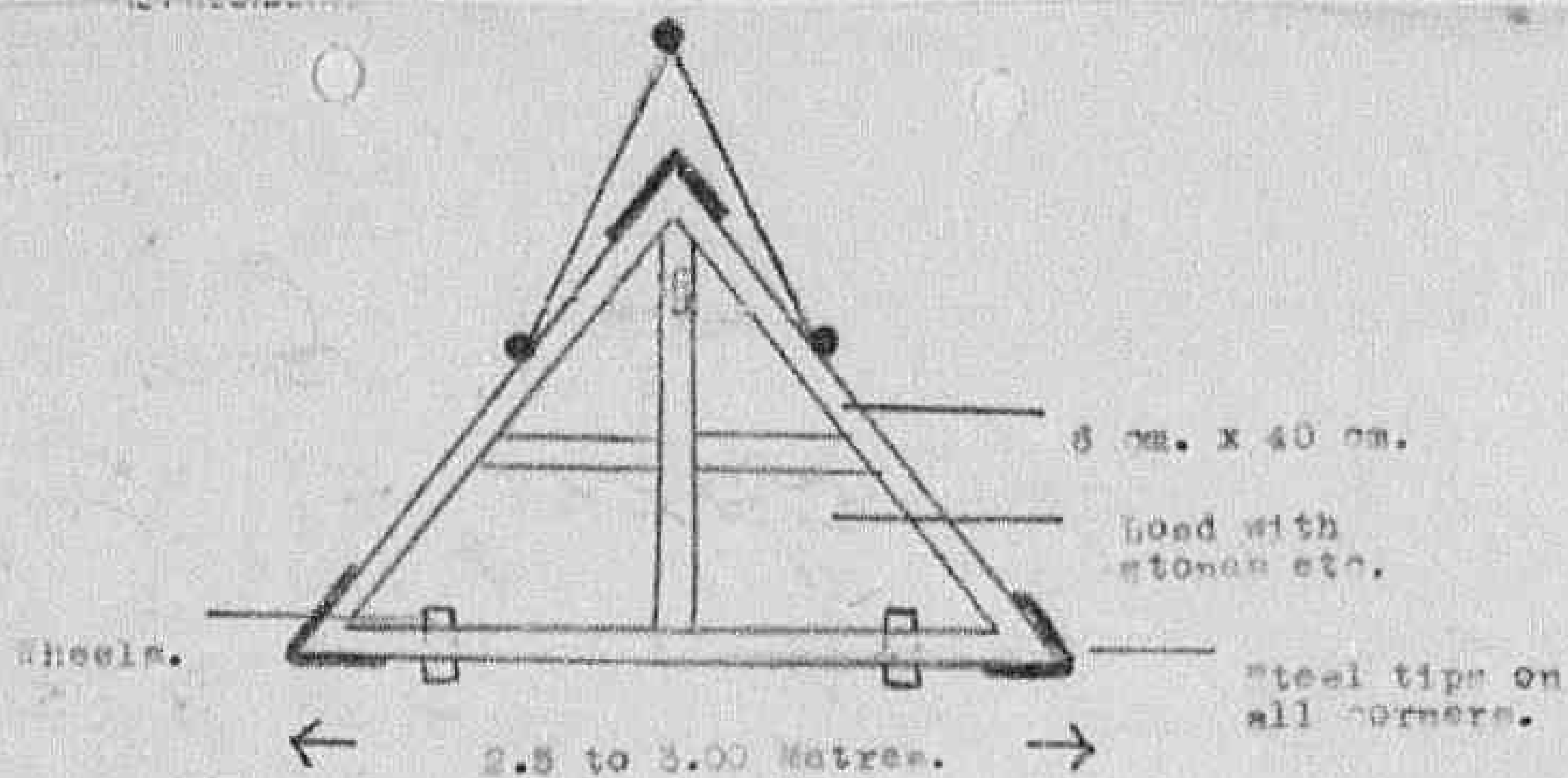
1). Reference your letter 5/4 dated 2 Nov. 43 to this Directorate.

2). Please consign the 4 mechanically propelled snowploughs to C.C., IT2 Workshop & Park Coy., P.M., as soon as possible.

3). Please keep careful check on the 20 No. horse-drawn snowploughs mentioned, but do not move them at present.

4). Please let us have a drawing (with description if necessary) of a typical horse-drawn snowplough.

P. Roger, Capt. 4643
for Colonel, P.M.



WOODEN TOW PLUGH - HORSE DRAW.

The above is crude plough made from timber with corners tipped with steel plate. Similar ones in steel proved too heavy. Wheels are only for taking plough along main roads.

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4642

Subject: Snowploughs

Military Mission to
Italian Army.
Ref RE 5/I
21 Nov 45

C.E. Main EIGHTH Army
copy C.E. No 2 District

Further to my RE 5/I dated 4 Nov.

The following information has been received regarding the
snowploughs belonging to the A.A.S.S.:

- (a) BARI Area
One snowplough in good working condition at ALTAMURA
One snowplough in bad working condition at BARI
- (b) POTENZA Area
Three snowploughs in good working condition at POTENZA
(Two FIAT 40 hp and one FIAT 700)
One snowplough in bad working condition at LAURICIANA
(FIAT 700)
One snowplough in good working condition at MOLITURNO
(FIAT 40 hp)

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RHP 4641

Brig
Comd

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COMANDO GENIO 7^a ARMATA

Reparto Materiali

N. 1649 di prot.

P.M. 107.19 NOV. 1943

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
- L E Q U I L E -

O G G E T T O : Spazzaneve. -

A seguito foglio n. 972 in data 2 novembre 1943; trasmetto copia del foglio n. 1521/Str. dell'Intendenza della 7^a Armata - Direzione Strade, col quale vengono segnalati gli spazzaneve esistenti nei compartimenti dell'AA.SS. situati nel territorio di questa Armata. -

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE COMANDANTE
- O. Crivaro -

Crivaro

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C O P I A

INTENDENZA 7^a ARMATA
Direzione Strade

Prot. n. 1521/Str.

P.M.107, 11 14 novembre 1943

OGGETTO: Spazzaneve.

AL COMANDO GENIO 7^a ARMATA
(Rif. Fono 1061 del 2-11-43) P.M. 107

In riscontro al fono sopra citato, si comunica quanto richiesto circa gli spazzaneve in dotazione ai Compartimenti dell'A.A.SS. situati nel territorio dell'Armata:

Compartim. di Bari:

- n. 1 spazzaneve efficiente ad Altamura;
- " 1 " non efficiente a Bari

Sezione autonoma di Potenza:

- n. 3 spazzaneve efficienti (due Fiat 40 HP ed uno Fiat 700) a Potenza per le SS. 7, 96, 92, 94, 95;
- n. 1 spazzaneve non efficiente (Fiat 700) a Laurenzana per la S.S. 92;
- n. 1 spazzaneve efficiente (Fiat 40 HP) a Moliterno per la S.S. 103.

Per il Compartimento di Catanzaro si daranno notizie non appena perverranno a questa Direzione.

P. IL TEN COLONNELLO DIRETTORE STRADE a.p.s.
F/to Ten. ~~Della~~ Giovanni

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P. IL TEN COLONNELLO DIRETTORE STRADE & P. S.
P/te Ten. ~~D'Amico~~ Giovanni

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IN CAPO RIARMO MATERIALI

— *Journal of the American Medical Association*

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SUBJECT: Snow Clearance

British Military Mission to
7th ITALIAN ARMY.
Ref.No. RE 5/1
4 Nov. 43

C.E. Main EIGHTH Army
Copy : C.E. No. 2 District

Ref your B3017 RE dated 25 Oct. — a

For clearing snow, the Italian Army uses either mechanical or animal drawn snow ploughs. They were obtained either from the Military Administration or the A.A.SS.

Details of number, type, serviceability and location of the snowploughs belonging to the A.A.SS. are being obtained.

All the snowploughs belonging to the Military Administration are now in enemy occupied territory.

GSH

Cmd. ad

B. f. 20/11

R. H. P.

Brigadier,
Commanding,
British Military Mission.

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COMANDO GENIO 7^a ARMATA

Reperto Lavori

nr. 912 di prot.

R.M. 107, 11 2 novembre 1943

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

LESCUITE

OGGETTO: Spaiatura della neve. =

Per spaiare la neve l'Esercito Italiano si serve di mano d'opera militare attrezzata con bedili e gruvine o di spazzaneve di proprietà dell'amministrazione Militare o dell'A.A.S.S. -

Detti spazzaneve sono a motore o a trazione animale. -

Quelli di proprietà dell'amministrazione Militare erano tutti dislocati nelle regioni dell'Alta Italia, e pertanto non se ne trovano disponibili nel territorio dell'Armata. -

Tutti i Compartimenti dell'A.A.S.S. hanno una dotazione di spazzaneve e si è in attesa di conoscere, dai Compartimenti di giurisdizione del territorio dell'Armata, quanti spazzaneve hanno in dotazione, loro tipo e stato di efficienza. -

Si fa riserva di comunicare tali dati non appena ricevuti. =

P. IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
COMANDANTE DEL GENIO A.P.S.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Carlo Biancamano)

Biancamano

Re sp (11)
RM 107 NOV. 1943

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P. IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
COMANDANTE DEL GENIO C.P.S.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Francesco Biancoradi)

Piazzani

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Allo/Gas

DA COMANDO GENIO 7^a ARMATA

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P. M. 107, li 2 novembre 1943

Reparto lavori

Nr. 972 di prot.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

LEQUILLE

ETG G E T T O: Spalatura della neve.-

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P. IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
COMANDANTE DEL GENIO A.P.S.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
F/ (Caraine Biancardi)

Visto Personale e Segreteria

Per copia conforme

L'Unica Adetto



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P. IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
COMANDANTE DEL GENIO S.P.S.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
P/2 (Caraine Biancardi)

Ufficio Personale e Segreteria

Per copia conforme

L'Ufficiale Addetto



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SUBJECT: Snow Clearance

British Military Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY.
Ref. No. RS 7/I
29 Oct. 43

C.E.. 7 ITALIAN ARMY

I will be grateful for any information you can give me on the following points:

- (a) Methods employed by the Italian Army for Snow Clearance.
- (b) Details of any special equipment used by the Italian Army *for this purpose*

R.R.P.

Brigadier.
Commanding.
British Military Mission.

GSH

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Subject: Snow Clearance

(1) Ref: 11
and 10/10/45

Main H^q Eighth Army

M 3017 RS

25 Oct 45

RMK to 7th Italian Army

Copy to: OE 13 Corps

I shall be grateful for any information you may be able to obtain as to what methods the Italian Army had or were considering for snow clearance and whether they have any special equipment available for this purpose.

P. Howard
Brig. Gen.
Main

The Regio Genio consists of two types of regiments, the Corps regiments and the specialist regiments.

The Corps regiment (the allotment in peace was one per Army Corps; in war the military situation generally does not permit of the regiment functioning as such) consists of 1 Bn. of Sappers, 1 Bn. of L/T and 1 Bn. of W/T. In addition there may be attached to the regiment a Searchlight Coy, a Bn. of Aerial Ropeway personnel etc; according to the needs of the formation.

The Specialist Regiments are:-

2 Regts Minatori, with a Park containing all necessary equipment for tunnelling and 4-wheel-drive vehicles.

(Note:- these troops are definitely tunnelling troops and have nothing to do with minelaying or minelifting).

2 Regts Pontieri. These troops, though known as bridgers, confine their activities to the bridging of rivers. They construct pontoon bridges of various types, with capacity from 3 to 20 tons.

(Note:- all blows in roads are bridged by the ordinary Sapper coys, the 'Artieri').

3 Regts Ferrovieri (Railway Engineers). These troops are responsible for the construction of railway bridges. The bridges are sectional in steel and are of two types, the Root-Wagner and the Kohn, both German types. The Root-Wagner can extend up to 92 metres, and can carry traffic on three superimposed tiers. The Kohn is a much lighter bridge.

Of the three regts, two are known to be in Italy, the third was last heard of in Greece.

Engineers in formations in wartime.

Div Engineers consist of:-

H.Q.,

2 Coys Artieri (see below);

1 Coy Sigs (mixed L/T and W/T).

Possibly also Searchlight unit, water personnel, photographic unit etc;

Corps Engineers consist of:-

H.Q. + 1 Bn Artieri

2 Coys L/T.

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2 Coys I/T,

1 Coy W/T.

Army Engineers consist of a varying number of Bns (both Artieri and Sigs Bns) united in a "Raggruppamento". The Specialists regts are Army troops, bns or coys of them being attached to Armies when the situation demands it.

Note. The Regimento Fanteria (Infantry Brigade) has no regular allotment of engineers, though it may have some temporarily attached from Div R.E. It has however, one "plotone zappatori", who are infantrymen trained in elementary Sapper duties.

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The Artillery Coy.

Consists of :-

H.Q. platoon (C.O., clerks, orderlies etc.).

1 platoon Operai (tradesmen).

3 platoons Artillery.

The coy park (which may be M.F. or horse-drawn according to the nature of the troops it supports) carries tools and material for the tradesmen (smiths, joiners etc), and also drills and other pneumatic tools.

There is also a workshops lorry, about the size of a 10 tonner, with lathe, circular saw, planes drills etc.

4633

Approximate Establishment and Equipment of Italian Engineer Coys.

TYPE.	OFFICERS.	CR'S.	SEMPY SARG.	HORRIES.
Artieri.	6	210	19	a
Lavoratori.	2-3	1009	a	a
Minatori.	69	2509	19	179
Pontieri.	69	2509	19	Not known

Note as Supplied by Higher Formations.

Further notes; - Lavoratori Coys are NOT regular formations but are scratch units. They consist of men unfit for active duties, and they must be supplied with all tools by the unit asking their help.

Coy Comd'rs are supposed to have a staff car in car, but they do not always have them.

EQUIPMENT.

Artieri Coy.

Carries ordinary hand-tools for, e.g., picks and pickaxes light and heavy, saws, hammers, chisels, etc. Quantity sufficient for Coy plus 200-300 auxiliary untrained workers.

The Coy Park may be light or heavy, but in both cases consists of a "Gruppo Pneumatico" or Pneumatic Set.

The heavy set comprises:-

2 compressors, and the following tools (all pneumatic driven) picks, chisels, planes, concrete breakers, shovels, piledrivers, rammers, circular saws, band saws (type WOLF), drills (for wood and metal), earth-borers, rivetting hammers and "chiselling hammers".

Further, they carry lighting equipment for work at night, levels, small theodolites, and (for water duties) pipes, pipe-cutting machine, MORTON wells and EXCELSIOR type pumps.

They MAY also have a small amount of Kapak bridging material.

Minatori Coy.

They may be mule-, cart-, or 3-drawn, according to the type of country in which they are operating, but in general it is M.T. In this case, they are equipped with small, handy, 4-wheel drive trucks.

At the moment, we lack details of their equipment and can only say that they are well stocked with explosives

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Pontieri Coy.

The Pontieri, like the Minatori and unlike the rest of the Italian Army, is almost always mechanised. Their T, however, is for the transport of men and rations. They do NOT carry their bridging equipment, but draw it from the Engineer Dump attached to the higher formation with which they are working, according to the type of the job on hand.

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SUBJECT: ITALIAN Engineer
Training Establishment.

British Military Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY.
RefNo. R.E./571.

13 Oct 43.

C. R.
H. Q. No. 2 District
(FORBASE)

Further to my letter dated 8 Oct 43 on the above subject.

The special training centre at VERONA trains personnel for MINATORI Coys. These coys. are equivalent to British TUNNELLING Coys. This training centre does NOT deal with Anti Tank mines nor mine laying and clearing as stated in my former letter.

R.M.P.
Brigadier,
Comd. British Military Mission.

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NOTES ON 31 CORPS ENGINEERS

C.B. - General TROVATO.

A quiet and unassuming Officer of the studious type, whose chief desire at the moment seems to be to get on leave to PALERMO, to discover whether his Sister and house there are intact.

Seems willing to co-operate, but is a trifle vague as to his resources in Engineer personnel and material. This is understandable, as owing to lack of transport and interruptions of communications he has not been able to visit many of his units for some time.

In particular, he seemed doubtful as to the quantity and quality of the Engineer units with Divs. - which in any case according to him were normally employed on Signal duties.

He produced a location statement of his units and their strengths, but both locations and strengths are doubtful - for instance, he gave one Bn Pioneers as being at CATANZARO, but admitted he didn't know where they were exactly, nor really, if they were there at all - though they ought to be!

Types of Units

Engineer Units include Sappers, Signallers and ^{LAVORATORI} Pioneers. It seems that the term "Engineer" covers the skilled Sapper (tradesman) and the Signaller. The term "Pioneer" corresponds roughly with our Pioneer R.E.

^{LAVORATORI} Pioneer Units - are used for road making and field bridging; they may be in the form of a Pioneer Bn (H.Q. and 3 Coys) or as independent Coys - each Coy having an establishment of about 100. They have picks and shovels, but little else. They have a little transport.

MILITARY = Mine-laying Units - are composed of Pioneers specially trained in mines - both laying and lifting. They can be used for road making and field bridging as well.

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LAVAZZARI

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Sappers with equipment bridges or improvised.*

*Some of the 5-mile span portable equipment is
carried in the unit.*

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Engineer Dumps - 31 Corps Area.

CATANZARO DUMP (refer as No.1 Dump) M.R. 2.24.36.

This is a good dump of the stores and equipment most likely to be required. A rough list is attached.

There is also a very large quantity of Signal Stores of the larger variety i.e. line stores, net instruments.

The dump is looked after by a Captain and about 20 O.Rs of Engineers.

Location is about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile WEST of CATANZARO low level Rly Station (broad gauge)

San PIETRO DUMP (refer as No.2 Dump) M.R. 2.12.38

This is mainly a Signal Store Dump, but there are some useful R.B. Stores in it, of which a rough list is attached.

In general, the stores at this dump are of a more technical and valuable nature than at No.1 Dump.

It is looked after by a Captain and 3 or 4 O.Rs of Engineers.

Location is on main road in middle of San PIETRO village - personnel live in a wooden hut on N side of road.

There is also ~~reported to be~~ a large Engineer Store Dump at CASEROVILLARI (T.8737). *of which a Catalogue is contained in "Dir No 2 - Captured Enemy Stores Italy"*

S C.E. 31 Corps was visiting (12.8.4) to view these stores viz No.1 Dump.

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Location is on main road in middle of San PIETRO village - personnel live in a wooden hut on N side of road.

There is also reported to be a large Engineer Store Dump at CASTROVILLARI (P. 8737). of which a Catalogue is contained in "List No. 2 - Captured Enemy Stores Italy".

§ C.E. Corps was intending (1st Oct) to move these stores into No. 1 Dump.

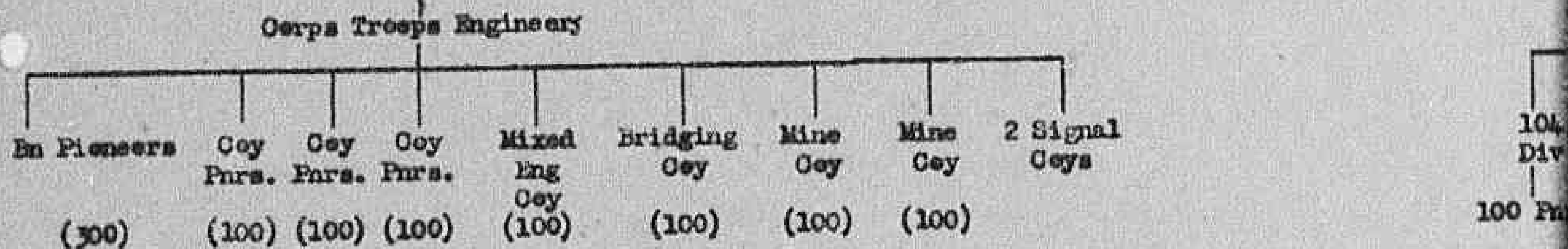
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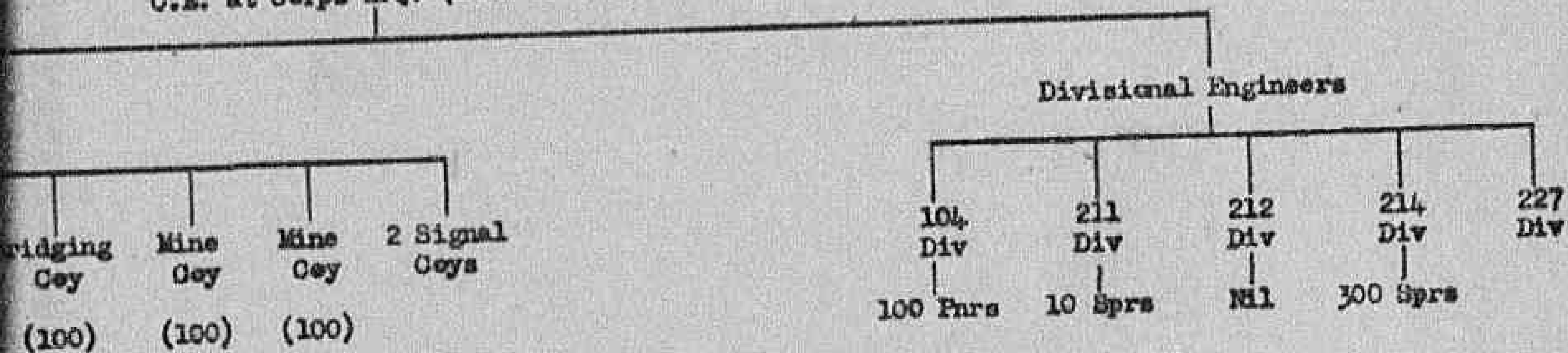
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SUBJECT. Bridging Equipment.

BRITISH MILITARY MISSION
to 7th. ITALIAN ARMY.

CE No. 2 District (FORTBASE).

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Oct. 1943.

Ref. M3100/1 RE dated 28 Sept 43, copy attached.

1. There is no Italian Pontoon Br. Eqpt. reported in British occupied Italy.
2. One Coy, 101 PONTIERI Coy XXXI Corps, is reported to be trained in the use of Pontoon Equipment. The strength of this unit is 251.
3. Full details of the Italian Pontoon Equipment will be forwarded as soon as the official manual can be obtained.

C.A.P.
Brigadier,
Comd. BRITISH MILITARY MISSION
to 7th. ITALIAN ARMY.

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subject. Br Eqpt

main HQ Eighth Army
M 3100/1 RE
28 Sep 43

British Military Mission
att 51 Italian Corps

Copy to: CE 15 Army Gp

1. It is known that the Italian Army possessed large quantities of pontoon Br Eqpt and that the Italian Engr Coys were skilful in their use in fast flowing rivers.
2. It is desired to form up for future use pontoon Br Train and Italian Engr Coys to build and maintain such Bns.
3. It is requested that the following is reported as soon as possible:
 - (a) Pontoon Br Eqpt available giving length of br and load class.
 - (b) Number of Italian Coys capable of using this eqpt.
 - (c) Any comments on the use and organisation of such a train.

K. Ray
Brig.
CE.

SUBJECT: Italian Engineer
Training Establishments

British Military Mission to
7th ITALIAN ARMY.

8 Oct 45.

C.E.
H.Q. No.2 District
(FORTBASE)

1. Enquiries have been made into the number and location of Engineer Training Establishments in ITALY.
2. There is no central School of Military Engineering. Each Corps has its own General Engineer Training centre, called "REGGIMENTO EX MARCIA", at which classes of up to 600 can be trained. During the war there has always been adequate stores for training.
These Engineer Training centres are located at the following towns:

TURIN
ALESSANDRIA
PAVIA
BOLLANO
TRIESTE
BOLOGNA
ROME
FLORENCE
CAPUA VERDE
PALERMO
TRIESTE
3. Bridging training is not carried out at the General Engineer Training centres.
Training centres for pontoons and all types of Equipment Bridging are located at VERONA and PIACENZA.
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4. There is a special training centre for mines, mine laying and mine clearing at VERONA.
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