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SUBJECT :- Issue of Italian Army Vehicles.

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7 Nov 45

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MMA)
ROME
Tel : Rome 189061 Ext 526

To :- Br. Cadre 802 It. Reorganisation Centre.
Br. Cadre 807 It. Transit Camp.

1. Allied vehicles in service with 802 Italian Reorganisation Centre are held on the WM/TO of the British cadre, and NOT the Italian element, it is therefore anticipated that, when this cadre is disbanded, these vehicles will be withdrawn.
2. In the case of 807 Italian Transit Camp, the Allied vehicles are on the WM/TO of the camp, and it is assumed that they will become Italian Army property when the unit is converted to IPI-ITI status.
3. In order to permit the continual operation of these two units, the Ministry of War have been advised to issue 10 Italian Army vehicles to each camp forthwith. When these vehicles have been collected, it is requested that the 6 x 3 Ton ex 3 G.T. Coy at present loaned to 807 Transit Camp be withdrawn by MMA IO, 3 DISTRICT.

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MMA IO, 3 DISTRICT.

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For Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject :- Issues of Italian Army Vehicles

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6 Nov. 45

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

Distribution :- (Below)

1. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a programme showing assignments of Italian Army vehicles which, in agreement with Ministry of War (S.M.R.E.), will be authorised for release during the period shown on the Appendix.
2. This schedule is forwarded for information only, and does NOT constitute authority for the release of the vehicles mentioned therein. The actual release orders will be prepared and issued by the Ministry of War (S.M.R.E.) and forwarded to all Italian Army formations and units interested.

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

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To :- MFLA HQ: Naples.
" " Bologna.
" " Milan.
" " Turin.
" " 3 District.
I.P.W. Division.
HQ Train Guard Control, Rome.

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AFPA 'A' to AFPA letter

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date 6 Nov. 45

ISSUES OF ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES

Programme showing releases which have been agreed for the week commencing 9 Nov 45

UNIT TO WHICH VEHICLES WILL BE RELEASED	E.V.P. FROM WHICH VEHICLES WILL BE DRAWN	TYPE OF VEHICLE			
		Motorcycles	Passenger Vehicles	Load Carriers	Trailers
Mechanics School, Rome	No 1 E.V.P.	1	-	2	
8 Tank Bde HQ.	" 1 "	-	-	1	
H/8 Coy Hq of War	" 1 "	-	-	1	
802 IPI Re-Org Centre, Civita to.	" 2 "	-	-	10	2
807 IPI Transit Camp, Ravenna.	" 2 "	-	-	10	2
I.P.W. Camp, Leghorn	" 2 "	-	-	5	-
" " Afragola	" 2 "	-	-	5	-
" " Taranto	" 2 "	-	-	5	-
510 Guard Bn	" 2 "	-	1	-	-
526 " "	" 5 "	-	-	1	-
527 " "	" 5 "	-	-	2	-

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SUBJECT: U.S. ARMY VEHICLES

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9 Nov 45

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SECRETCOPYSUBJECT: Maint - Italian Armed Forces

HQ No 2 District CMF.

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23 March 45.Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission (MIL)

Ref conversation between Col HAKES and Maj HARTNELL on 12 Mar 45.

1. The requirements of administrative units for NW Italy, as submitted by this HQ to AFHQ, include the following Italian formations and units:-

<u>Formation or Unit</u>	<u>WE Strength (all ranks)</u>	
	<u>BR-ITI</u>	<u>ITI-ITI</u>
	<u>Combat</u>	<u>Service</u>
One Combat Group (including Increment to HLU)	8938	
Three Guard Bns		2440
(including Regt HQ)		209
One Mine Clearance Coy		96
507 Line Sec		36
HQ Pioneer Regt		3897
Three Pioneer Bns		
(each of six coys)		
Totals	<u>8938</u>	<u>4029</u>
		<u>2649</u>
		<u>Grand Total: 15,616</u>

It is understood that the three guard bns may be 502, 503 and 519 Guard Bns, and that the status of these may be changed to BR-ITI tps. Application is being made by this HQ to AFHQ to have these guard bns included in the BR-ITI Combat Category.

2. In addition to the above, other Italian units may be provided for NW Italy under the following possible headings:-

- (a) Italian units nominated by AFHQ for the No 2 District order of battle in lieu of British units requested by this HQ.

Three Guard Bns (including Regt HQ)	2440
One Mine Clearance Coy	
507 Lino Sec	209
HQ Pioneer Regt	96
Three Pioneer Bns	36
(each of six coys)	3897
Totals	8938
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Grand Total: 15,616

It is understood that the three guard bns may be 502, 503 and 519 Guard Bns, and that the status of these may be changed to BR-III tps. Application is being made by this HQ to AFHQ to have these guard bns included in the BR-III Combat Category.

2. In addition to the above, other Italian units may be provided for NW Italy under the following possible headings:-

(a) Italian units nominated by AFHQ for the No 2 District order of battle in lieu of British units requested by this HQ.

(b) Units formed to drive vehicles for Allied Commission under the terms of para 10(c)(1) of AFHQ letter AG 323/061 GDS-0 dated 25 Jan 45. It has been calculated that 4000 such vehicles are required.

(c) Other units required by Allied Commission.

3. It is considered that normal administration of the BR-III Service and stages of No 2 District's responsibilities in NW Italy. It is essential during this period that the administration of these units should not provide any reason for dissonance. It is therefore proposed to ask AFHQ to delegate power to this HQ to authorise issues of stores and supplies to these units from British sources as and when necessary. Your support for this application would be appreciated.

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4. In order to restrict to a minimum issues from British sources under the terms of para 3 above, it will be desirable that the Italian Administrative Organisation for NW Italy should be brought into being there as soon as is practicable after the initial occupation. Will you please inform this HQ whether such a HQ can be made available by you to work with No 2 District in NW Italy.

/s/ A. D. FOSTER, Col.
for Major General,
Cmd No 2 District.

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