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Dec. 31, 1944 - Nov. 14, 1945

207A

Subject:- Barrels for FOL

56 British Liaison Unit

ST 3

To:- MANTOVA Inf Div

Reference your 03/5969 dated 11 Nov 45. - 2038

It is regretted that it is impossible to comply with your request through Allied sources.

Field.
20 Nov 45.
EPD/KJS.

337

YHD
for Lt Col, GS.

Subject:- Anti-Freeze - Collection of

56 British Liaison Unit

ST 3

To:- MANTOVA Inf Div

1. Following signal from MMIA dated 16 Nov is forwarded for your information and action as necessary.
2. Please arrange collection from CIP VERONA earliest.

COPY

FROM : MMIA

DATE/TDC 161145A

TO: 56 MU : 53 MU :

UNCLASSIFIED (.) SE/1610 (.) ANTI FREEZE FOR MANTOVA 15 BARRELS FOR POLGONE 6
BARRELS (.) AVAILABLE CIP VERONA

Field.
Nov 45.
/YJB.

336

Colt Col, GR.

Subject: - POI Reserves for Italian Divisions

56 British Liaison Unit

ST 3

To: - MEMIA, ROME.

Ref your letter 9/052 and MEMIA 10 MILAN letter MIL/9/2.

1. It appears that the point raised has not been appreciated and as it stands, unfair to Inf Div MANTOVA.
2. It is suggested that the allotment of other Inf Divs be decreased the balance being given to MANTOVA, thus bringing all Inf Divs on an equal footing.

Field.
20 Nov 45.
FED/WJS.

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Lt Col, GS.

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REF Falso 77A File 105T 204A

HQ, MANTOVA Inf Div
4-39/Auto

Transport Office
Verazzo, RM 104, 14 Nov 45

Subject:- Request for POL

To:- HQ, 56 HMU

1. This division has received its allotment of POL for the current month in the following quantities:-

Petrol drums	2379
Gasoil "	272
Total No of drums	<u>2651</u>

2. The other Divisions have received the following allotments (irrespective of Gasoil):-

Legnano Div	Petrol drums	4148
Cremona Div		3284
Folgore Div		3587
Friuli Div		4593

3. On the strength of a letter from MMIA to the War Ministry the allotment for the month of Nov works out at

Litres 1.890 for every M/C	
Litres 9.460 for every small truck or veh	
Litres 18.920 for every truck or tractor	334

This Division should have received Litres 637.860
Instead it has received Litres 420.425
The reduction amounting to Litres 217.435 in other words by a third.

4. This Div has received reinforcements who have absolutely no cognisance of the arms and vehs in the units and consequently have to be trained. The Div must draw its eqpt and clothing from the MILAN Depot. Finally the Div by order of the Chief of Staff must supply 114 Inf Regt with Pol which should have been supplied by the "Legnano Div".

5. In view of the foregoing it has been decided to put before the Chief of Staff the different situation in which this Div will find itself for the insufficiency of POL supplied to her this month. The Chief of Staff has replied suggesting we should put before the Liaison Unit both our difficulties and our supplementary requests for POL. We would therefore kindly ask you to put before the MMIA IO to ensure that this division be allotted a supplementary ration for this month or at least if this is not possible the request we have made on the 4 Nov, vide letter 4112/Auto for drums 3300 of Petrol and drums 280 of Gasoil for the next month be allotted in full.

by order
Chief of Staff
A. Piga, Major.

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by order
 Chief of Staff
 A. Piga, Major.

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Subject. Barrels for POL

REF FOLIO 76A

To : 56 BLU

H. Q. Manton Inf. Div

03/5969 203A

16/11/45

FILE 10, ST

1. Our units meet serious difficulties drawing POL from the CIP, due to the lacking of empty barrels.

2. Will you kindly go into this matter and try to get from allied sources the allotment of 400 barrels at least, necessary to avoid such a trouble.

The chief of Staff.

[Signature]
NOV 1945

3ST

198A

Subject : P.O.L. Reserves for Italian Divisions.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q/032
Tel. Rom 489081 Ext 526

13 Nov 1945

To : 56 BLU.

178A

Ref your 3 ST dated 5 Nov the following points are brought to your notice:

1. AFHQ Pet Sec have authorised C.I.Ps. to issue any undrawn balance of the October Allotment of P.O.L. during November (ref our ST/1610 of 13 Nov 45).
2. 199A Owing to general shortage in this theatre no increase in the allotment is possible, and it is strongly recommended that every effort is made to build up reserves within the Division.
3. P.O.L. will be coming into this Theatre for Allied use for some time to come and, should an emergency such as you suggest arise, arrangements could be made by AFHQ Pet Sec for release of any essential amounts from Allied Stocks.

A.M. Newton

A.M. NEWTON, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : ST

332

AMN/lm

3 ST

10 NOV 1945

SUBJECT :- Petrol Issue.

HQ Inf Div MANTOVA

Reference your letter 4344/Auto dated 13 Nov 45.

1. The only traceable vehicle with number 375 on strength of this HQ is Jeep No. 5662375.
2. It should be noted that the maximum capacity of petrol in a jeep is approx. 15 gal, therefore to recover 15 gal from the O.I.P. the vehicle would have to have been empty.
3. Would you please forward to this HQ information to the effect of date and time etc. and drivers name.

In The Field
FD/fs

197A
56 BLU
3 ST

14 Nov 45

193A

331
for Lt-Col.
GS.

SUBJECT :- PCL Allocation to MANTOVA Inf Gruppo.

HQ 2 District GMP

1296/42

5 Nov 45

MMA LO

1. Whilst the provision of PCL to Italian Combat Groups is no longer the responsibility of this HQ, the following facts are brought to your notice in order that issues to the MANTOVA may be brought into line with other Combat Groups.

(a) 114 Regt of the MANTOVA Gruppo have been attached to LUSIGNO Gruppo for several months past.

(b) PCL allocation for October was based on the average consumption of each Gruppo over the previous 3 months and as a result allocations to the MANTOVA for Oct and Nov were based on two instead of three Regts. Demands for 114 Regt had therefore to be met from the allocation made to the MANTOVA which was only 2/3 of their entitlement.

2. Would you ensure therefore that a bid for PCL on behalf of 114 Inf Regt is made by one or other of the Gruppo in the future.

Copy to:- 59 Area
ST

(S2D) W.M. BEARUP J/Comm
for Colonel
DA & QMG

SUBJECT :- PCL Allocation to MANTOVA Inf Gruppo.

HQ Inf Div MANTOVA

56 BLU
3 ST

17 Nov 45

The above copy letter 1296/42 dated 9 Nov 45 from HQ 2 District is passed to you for information.

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MILITARY)
ROME

56 ELU
3 ST
9 Nov 45

Reference ST/1602, dated 22 Oct 45.

The following allocation of FOL is required by Infantry Division MANTONA for the month of December,

C.I.P.	Petrol Barrels	AGO Barrels	Paraffin Barrels	Motor Oil Barrels	C 600 Barrels	Grease lbs	Serv for Cooking Galls
GENOA	2,600	255	15	230	24	2,000	10,000
PIACENZA	500	20	5	15	4	300	1,500
MILAN	200	5	2	5	2	200	1,000
TOTAL	3,300	280	20	250	30	2,500	12,500

AG/STW

~~182A refuted~~

(S&D) A.W.G.A.B.D.M Major
for Lt Col GS

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SUBJECT :- PQL Indent for December.

MUTA
N. ITALY

56 HU
3 ST
17 Nov 45

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4781

Reference your message 9.16 S date, time of origin, 14.12.80

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C.I.P.	Petrol Barrels	AGO Barrels	Paraffin Barrels	Motor Oil Barrels	0 600 Barrels	Grease lbs	Derf for Cooking Galls
GENOA	2,600	255	15	230	24	2,000	10,000
PLACENZA	500	20	3	15	4	300	1,500
MILAN	200	5	2	5	2	200	1,000
TOTAL	3,300	280	20	250	30	2,500	12,500

$$\frac{dC_2}{dC_1}$$

182A v. f. d.

(SGT) A. W. GARDEN Major
For Lt Col US

[illegible]

SUBJECT :- POL Indent for December.

MILTA
W. ITALY

56 MLU
3 ST

17 Nov 45

329

Reference your message 9.16 8 dato, time of origin, 14.1230.

1. The above copy letter, ST 3 dated 9 Nov 45 to Land Forces Sub Comm AG (MIA) is passed to you in accordance with a/n message.

In The Field /a.78

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Lt Col
CS

REF FOLIO 75A FILE 10ST 193A

Subject:- Regularisation of Petrol Issue.

Infantry Division, MANTOVA.
No 4344/AUTO.

13 Nov 45.

HQ 56 BLU.

HQ "CREMONA" Infantry Division informs us that on the 1 Oct 45 truck Forf 375 of your unit has drawn at the CIP of TURIN 25 gallons of petrol.

The said fuel has been debited by the TURIN CIP to the "CREMONA" Inf Div.

To regularise this issue could you please let us have the necessary covering indent which we shall forward to the "CREMONA" Inf Div.

Chief of Staff.
A. FIGA Major.

see 197A

328 3-51

REF FOLIO 83A FILE 10ST

192A

Subject:- Anti-freeze mixture.

Infantry Division, MANTOVA
No 4333/AUTO.

13 Nov 45.

HQ 56 IUU.

In view of the fact that GIP of GENOA has not yet received the Anti-freeze mixture for the vehicles in this division, may the Allied Authorities concerned be solicited for its despatch.

See 194 A

by order
Chief of Staff

A. FIGA.

327

3 ST

SUBJECT :- POL - MANTOVA DIV.

HQ 59 Area.
Q 224.

7 Nov 45.

56 BUU

Your 3 ST dated 29 Oct 45 refers.

1. This matter has been raised with HQ No 2 District, in order to investigate if any assistance can be given.

2. You will be informed when a decision has been reached.

Golin R. Dwyer
for

CRD/AL

Lt Col.
AA & QMG.

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File

SUBJECT: P.O.L. Indent for December.

182A

56 H.I.V.
ST 3

9 Nov 45

Land Forces Sub Comm., A.C. (NMLA)
ROME

149A

Reference ST/1602, dated 22 Oct 45.

The following allocation of P.O.L. is required by Infantry Division MANTOVA for the month of December.

C.I.P.	Petrol Barrels.	ACG Barrels.	Paraffin Barrels.	Motor Oil Barrels.	C 600 Barrels.	Grease lbs.	Derv for Cooking. Galls.
GENOA	2,600	255	15	230	24	2,000	10,000
PIACENZA	500	20	3	15	4	300	1,500
MILAN	200	5	2	5	2	200	1,000
TOTAL	3,300	280	20	250	30	2,500	12,500

ARC/vje

See 195A

See 185A

See
Lt-Col.
G3 324

REF FORM 81A- FILE 105T

180A

SUBJECT:- Fuel for Cooking.

HQ MANTOVA Inf Div.

4113/Auto

3 Nov 45.

56 B.L.U.

162A

Reference your 3 ST, dated 30 Oct 45.

1. Please ask the Allied authorities for a special allotment of 12,500 galls of Derv for this month, for cooking purposes.
2. Please treat this matter as urgent, as supplies of wood are very difficult to get.

GC/wjs.

(Sgd) A. GUALINO, Lt Col,
Chief of Staff

File *178A*
SUBJECT:- P.O.L. Reserves for Italian Divisions.

56 B.L.U.
3 ST

5. Nov 45.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA), Rome.
HQ No. 2 District.
MMIA LO GENOA.

1. As requested by Lt Col Southby during the MMIA Conference at HQ 2 District on 3 Nov 45, the following points in connection with P.O.L. Reserves for Italian Divisions are enumerated below :-
2.
 - (a) During Oct 45, certain C.I.Ps were unable to provide the monthly allocation of P.O.L. to the Mantova Division.
 - (b) To meet its commitments at the end of the month, the Mantova Division was compelled to use the only reserve of petrol it holds, i.e. 33 x 100 miles of petrol held by one Defence Platoon of the S.T. Coy.
 - (c) A case has already been submitted for an overall monthly increase of P.O.L. to the Mantova Division, but the following fact is most obvious:
 - (d) Should a large-scale emergency move be necessary at the end of a month, when the Division's allocation of P.O.L. is running low, C.I.P. has hitherto not held reserves.
3. It is submitted that such reserves must :-
 - (a) Preferably be held within each Division.
 - or (b) Alternatively be held by each C.I.P. for "military use only".

It seems incongruous that the effectiveness of the Italian Divisions in the event of an emergency is at present at the mercy of C.I.P. and its own internal strikes, etc.

CMF.
ECM/wjs.

See 198A

E. Asling Col
Lt Col,
GS.
RAH

O O P I.

SUBJECT:- P.O.L. for MARTOVA Inf Div.

SI/4610

23 Oct 45

To :- 56 B.L.U.

Land Forces S&B Comm A.C. (MILIA)
Rome
Tel : Rome 439024 Ext 526

Ref your 3 SI of 18 Oct 45 forwarded to this HQ by S & T MILIA LO, NW Italy.

1. Quantities of P.O.L. allocated for October but not yet drawn may be drawn from CIPs other than those at which allocation has been made available by arrangement with HQ CIP GENVA (phone MILKAINS 55244)
2. Arrangements may also be made with CIP GENVA for any desired re-allocation of the November allotment, but requests for decentralised POL should normally be made when the monthly bid is submitted to 2 District.
3. The difficulties of carrying POL on long journeys are appreciated, and it is expected that these will be overcome by the introduction of the coupon system notified in this office letter SI/4604 of 12 Oct 45.
4. It is regretted that no supplementary allotment can be granted and that in fact the allocation of benzine for November shows a decrease on the previous month. The allocation of diesel oil and paraffin has however been considerably increased and will no doubt satisfy requirements.
5. It is presumed that the 50 drums requested from ROME CIP are for vehicles in transit. With the introduction of the coupon system, this should no longer be necessary.

(Sgd) ? ? ? ? ? for A.D.S.T.
Land Forces S&B Comm A.C. (MILIA)

Copy to : S & T, MILIA LO, NW Italy.

SUBJECT:- Allotment of POL.

56 B.L.U.
ST 3

32 Nov 45.

HQ MARTOVA Inf Div.

134 A

1. Reference your 3479/Info, dated 13 Oct 45.

2. The above copy of letter just received from Land Forces S&B Comm A.C. (MILIA) is forwarded to you for information and action.

2. Arrangements may also be made with OIP (MVA) for any desired re-allocation of the November allotment, but requests for decentralized POL should normally be made when the monthly bid is submitted to 2 Districts.
3. The difficulties of carrying POL on long journeys are appreciated, and it is expected that these will be overcome by the introduction of the coupon system notified in this office letter ST/4601 of 12 Oct 45.
4. It is regretted that no supplementary allotment can be granted and that in fact the allocation of benzine for November shows a decrease on the previous month. The allocation of diesel oil and paraffin has however been considerably increased and will no doubt satisfy requirements.
5. It is presumed that the 50 drums requested from HOME OIP are for vehicles in transit. With the introduction of the coupon system, this should no longer be necessary.

Copy to : S & T, MILA LO, NW Italy.

(Sgt) ? ? ? ? ? for A.D.S.T.
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MILA)

SUBJECT:- Allotment of POL.

HQ MANTOVA Inf Div.

1. Reference year 3479/Arto, dated 13 Oct 45.

2. The above copy of letter just received from Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MILA) is forwarded to you for information and action.

CRP
BGA/wja.

56 B.I.U.
ST 3

33 Nov 45.

E. L. L. L. L.
Lt Col.
CS.

SUBJECT :- P.O.L. for Mantova Division.

ST/1610

23 Oct 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)

Rome

Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

To: 56 B.L.U.

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1. Quantities of P.O.L. allocated for October but not yet drawn may be drawn from CIP's other than those at which allocation has been made available by arrangement with HQ CIP Genoa (phone BLOCKADE 55244).
2. Arrangements may also be made with CIP Genoa for any desired re-allocation of the November allotment, but requests for decentralised POL should normally be made when the monthly bid is submitted to 2 District.
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[Signature] for A.D.S.T.
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

Copy to:- S & T, MMIA LO, NW Italy.

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7th Nov 1945

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SUBJECT :- Anti - Freeze Mixture and Derv.

162A

56 HCU
3 ST

30. Oct 45

HQ MANTONA Inf Div

*160A
refus*

1. A release of 500 Gallons of Anti - Freeze Mixture (to be drawn at CIP Depot GMEOA), has been requested from HQ MMLA.
2. Please include any future requirements in your monthly POL bid of 104 ST Coy.
3. It is suggested that if Derv is still required by you for cooking purposes this should also be included in the a/m bid.

In The Field
EGA/ajw

LA Card
for Lt Col
GS

see 180A.

Subject:- E.O.I. Allocation MANTOVA Division.

ST. MMIA. LO. N.W. ITALY
c/o Signal Office Genoa

STG/101

29 Oct 1945

To:- 56 B.L.U.

Ref your letter 3 ST dated 28 Oct 45.

HQ MMIA-Rome State that as 2 District submit your
POL demands to AFHQ Pet Section complaints regarding allotments
should be made through them.

Already done
EA

Altman
S/Capt. USG.
ST. MMIA. LO.
N.W. ITALY.

AC/1r

Copy to:- MMIA. HQ. ROME

(conversation Simpson-Cotton refers)

30 OCT 1945

3ST

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File
SUBJECT :- POL ALLOCATION to MANTOVA INF DIV.

HQ 59 Area

HQ 2 District

156A
56 BMT
3 SE

29. Oct 44

Reference conversation Major MOURI - Capt PRITCHARD a few days ago.

1. The facts in para 2 below are repeated in connection with POL allocations to the MANTOVA Inf Div. It is fully appreciated that such allocations are now an Italian responsibility but this matter is brought to your notice as it originated from the time when POL was supplied by British Army sources and in view of the fact that these present difficulties affect Italian Military duties in NW ITALY.
2. (a) For several months 114 Regiment of MANTOVA Inf Div has been attached to KENNEDY Inf Div.
(b) It is understood that the POL allocation for October was based on the average consumption of each Div over the previous three months.
(c) The allocations made to the MANTOVA Div for Oct and Nov are barely two thirds of those made to other similar Combat Groups.
(d) From these facts it seems reasonable to suppose that the complete allocation made to MANTOVA was based on the consumption of two Regiments only, whereas now the POL for 114 Regiment has also to be drawn from MANTOVA's comparatively small allocation at CIP MILAN.
(e) Briefly it would appear that the MANTOVA Div is only receiving two thirds of its fair entitlement.

3. These facts have already been brought to the notice of HQIA but your assistance in the matter would be appreciated.

151A *refo*

See 184A

In The Field
MIA/ajw

318 *LA Cont*
Lt Col
ajw

2.

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 - (b) It is understood that the POL allocation for October was based on the average consumption of each Div over the previous three months.
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In The Field
BGA/ajw

See 184A

See 190A

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318 A Cont enr
for Lt Col CS

File

CT 1: POL for November 45.

MANOVA Inf Div

153A

56 BLU
3 ST

29. Oct 45

Herewith POL allocation to the MANOVA Inf Div for the month of November.

G. I. P.	IT 80	A. G. O.	KERO	Motor	Grease	G. 600
				Oil	lbs	
MILAN	427	53	7	16	200	2
GENOA	1883	193	7	113	900	9
PLACENZA	69	26	3	8	50	.5
	2379	272	17	137	1150	11.5

Note: All figures in barrels except GREASE in pounds.

Owing to limited stocks it will be noted that AFHQ Pet Sec have effected considerable reductions over quantities made available in October. In the case of ITI-ITI Units, Pet Sec allocation has been based on $\frac{1}{2}$, $2\frac{1}{2}$ and $4\frac{1}{2}$ US gallons per Motor cycle, Car and Load Carrier respectively instead of 1, $3\frac{1}{2}$ and 6 US gallons as formerly. In the case of Combat Divisions an overall reduction has been evenly distributed.

Requirements in respect of 3 GT Coy have been included in the ITI-ITI allocations at GENOA, NAPLES and LERHORN.

Up to 10% of these POL allocations may be drawn in coupon form, (vide Land Forces Sub Comm AG MILA letter ST/1604 dated 12 Oct 45 copy to you under our 3/ST dated 20 Oct 45).

Bids for the month of December must reach this HQ by 9 Nov at the latest.

All quantities not drawn by 30 Nov 45 will be automatically cancelled.

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GENOA	1863	193	7	113	900	9
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Up to 10% of these FUL allocations may be drawn in coupon form. (vide Land Forcea Sub Comm AG MILIA letter ST/1601 dated 12 Oct 45 copy to you under our 3/ST dated 20 Oct 45). 136A

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In The Field
DCA/ajw

Lt Col
GS

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153A

SUBJECT :- 3 GT Coy Work Tickets.56 BLU
3 STHQ MANTOVA Inf Div29. Oct 45152A
refers

1. The attached copy letter is passed to you for information.
2. Reference para 3 of the a/n letter, it is recommended that the points enumerated are checked for compliance within the MANTOVA Division.

In The Field
BKA/ajwEA Card
for Lt Col
GS

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COPYSUBJECT:- 3 G.T. Coy - Work-tickets.

81/1803

23 Oct 45Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MILA)
ROME
Tel : Rome 439031 Ext 526To:- S.M.R.E. Ufficio Automobilismo.

1. Enclosed herewith are work-tickets of 3 G.T. Coy (No 4 Fln) withdrawn by MILA IO, Naples on its ceasing to draw P.O.L. from Allied Sources.
2. Please forward to HQ 3 G.T. Coy for their retention.
3. The following comments are made:-
 - (a) P.O.L. held at start is not entered.
 - (b) P.O.L. drawn is not always entered.
 - (c) Speedometer readings - or approx mileage if speedometers are out of order - not recorded.
 - (d) In some cases details of load not shown.
 - (e) Work-tickets are unsigned by driver at the foot of the reverse side.

?????????Capt for Lt. Col. ADST.,

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MILA).

AHM/ag

Copy to:- 56 BLU.

SUBJECT :- POL Allocation MANTOVA Inf Div

MILIA ID
CENOA

1. The MANTOVA Inf Div have reported serious difficulties in making their monthly petrol allocation meet their requirements.
2. The matter has been investigated by this HQ and there is justification for bringing this matter to the immediate attention of Land Forces Sub Comm AG (MILIA).
3.
 - (a) The petrol allocations to MANTOVA Inf Div for both Oct and Nov are barely two thirds of those made to the other Divisions.
 - (b) One Regiment of the MANTOVA Division has been attached to the LEMANO Div for some few months, although since 1 Oct 45 its petrol has to be drawn from MANTOVA's comparatively small allocation at MILAN.
 - (c) It is understood that each Division's allocation for October was based on the average consumption during the previous three months. During those three months, MANTOVA was operating with only two Regiments and it seems possible that this fact was overlooked when making the present allocations which now have to meet the complete Division's requirements.
4.
 - (a) Briefly it would appear that MANTOVA Div are receiving only two thirds of their actual entitlement.
 - May an answer please be obtained on this matter at the earliest possible moment.

In The Field
BGA/ajw

Su. 156A

see 159A

LA 156A
for Lt Col GS

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151A

56 RLU
3 ST

28. Oct 45

2. The matter has been investigated by this HQ and there is justification for bringing this matter to the immediate attention of Land Forces Sub Comm AG (MENA).

3. (a) The petrol allocations to MANTOVA Inf Div for both Oct and Nov are barely two thirds of those made to the other Divisions.

(b) One Regiment of the MANTOVA Division has been attached to the LEGHANO Div for some few months, although since 1 Oct 45 its petrol has to be drawn from MANTOVA's comparatively small allocation at MILAN.

(c) It is understood that each Division's allocation for October was based on the average consumption during the previous three months. During those three months, MANTOVA was operating with only two Regiments and it seems possible that this fact was overlooked when making the present allocations which now have to meet the complete Division's requirements.

(d) Briefly it would appear that MANTOVA Div are receiving only two thirds of their actual entitlement.

4. May an answer please be obtained on this matter at the earliest possible moment.

In The Field
WGA/ajw

Sa. 156 A

see 159 A

LA 159 A

Lt Col
GS

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File
Subject:- Monthly Allotment of POL to Infantry Division, MANTOVA.

139A

56 BLU.
3 ST.

18. Oct 45.

MMIA Liaison Officer, GENOA.

1. The following report has been made to this HQ by Infantry Division, MANTOVA in respect of MMIA P.O.L. release for the month of October:-

- (a) PIACENZA G.I.P. has no lubricants.
- (b) GENOA G.I.P. has only been able to supply the Division with 35% of this authorised allotment.
- (c) Other quantities will not be available this month.

2. As the non-availability of these supplies is likely to lead to serious difficulties, will you please regard this matter as most urgent.

CMF
BGA/mh

LA Card
Lt Col.
GS.

see 168A

see 140A

Subject: - Allotment of POL

56 BH

138A
HQ Combat Group MANTOVA
3481/Auto
P.M. 10th, 13 Oct 45.

1. Supply of POL as allotted, has been arranged at CIP's of GENOVA, MILAN and PLACENZA.
2. It is not allowed to draw from other CIP's other than the one fixed.
3. The Combat Group had during the last month the move of a Coy from BOLOGNA to MILAN and of an Arty Bty from FORLI to LA SPEZIA. Other moves are expected. The Group must also provide to :-
 - (a) Send with lorries, soldiers of SARDINIA going on leave and Release to NIPERS.
 - (b) Draw and hand in equipment, weapons and MT parts to various dumps, Workshops and Parks.
 - (c) Special urgent services for which it is not possible to use trains or other means of transport.
4. Convoys and vehicles on detached duties at great distances from their units are therefore obliged to refuel with the petrol they carry with them. This system of refuelling has the following inconveniences :-
 - (a) It reduces the load of the lorry and therefore a larger number of vehicles are required.
 - (b) Petrol mixed with other stuff and especially with personnel is an evident danger.
 - (c) It makes it easier for the drivers to abuse.

5. For the GR's kitchens and for the diesel vehicles of the Group a total of 94 drums of diesel oil have been allotted. The Group requires 150 drums per month. No paraffin has been allotted, 5 drums are required.

6. Considering what is said in para 3, 4 and 5 please interest MILA LO for a supplementary allotment for this month and for the next of the following :-

(a)	30 Drums of petrol to be drawn from VERONA CIP.
50 "	" " " " " FLORENCE CIP.
30 "	" " " " " BOLOGNA CIP.
50 "	" " " " " LUXEMBOURG CIP.
50 "	" " " " " ROME CIP.

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Direct arrangements will be made with CIP's for drawing procedure.

- (b) 50 Drums of diesel oil to be drawn from GENOVA CIP.
- (c) 5 Drums of Paraffin to be drawn from GENOVA CIP.

See 140A

(Sgd.) A. GUALANO Lt Col,
Chief of Staff.

E. D. Land.
Lt Col.,
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SUBJECT :- Allotment of POL.

131A

56 RLW
3 ST

20 Oct 45

HQ MANTOVA Inf Div

134A

Reference your 3479/Auto dated 13 Oct 45.

1. The deficiencies of POL reported in your a/n letter have been referred to ROME through MMIA IO GENOA.
2. It is stated that present shortages are due to the strike of CIP personnel.

In The Field
BGA/ajw

LA Card
of Lt Col
GS

311

REF FILE 75A FILE 10ST

134A

Subject:- Allotment of POLHQ Combat Group MANTOVA
3479/Auto
P.M. 104 - 13 Oct 45.56 BLU.

1. PIACENZA CIP has no lubricants.
2. GENOA CIP having a very small amount of lubricants has only been able to supply the Group with 35% of the quantity allotted in your 3 ST dated 30 Sep (Appx X).
3. Other quantities will not be available for this month.
4. Please interest Allied authorities on this matter.

310 110A

CC/mh.

See 173A

See 137A

See 144A

(Sgd) A. GUALANO Lt Col,
Chief of Staff.

Subject: - POL Procedure.

File

56 BLU
13 ST

129A

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

99A
Oct 45.

The appended extract from MMIA letter ST/1601 of 7 Sep 45 is forwarded for information.

"W.e.f. the date on which the new system is introduced all Italian Army Units will change to ITI-ITI category as far as POL is concerned, and work tickets will no longer be endorsed to permit the drawing of POL from Allied Sources".

In The Field.
AWG/ah.

[Signature]
Lt Col.
GS.

309

File
Subject:- POL.

125A
56 HLU
3 ST

120A
9 Oct 45.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

Reference your 3360/Auto dated 3 Oct 45.

1. It is emphasised that normally no issues of POL will be made from Allied Military stocks to vehicles of Italian Combat Units. In order however, to cope with any emergency where an issue would appear absolutely essential, the following instruction will apply.
 - (a) Group HQ will apply to the HLU giving full details of the journey and if it is obviously of urgent operational necessity the HLU will issue to the driver or OC Convoy a written request addressed to ADST or OCRASC of the Area or Sub Area in which refuelling is required, explaining the circumstances. The release will then be authorised by the ADST or OCRASC from an Allied PP or Petrol Depot.
2. Such cases should be very exceptional.

In The Field.
RCN/mh.

ABH
Lt Col.
GS.

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REF FOLIO 70A FILE 105T

120A

Subject: - POL

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

3360/Auto

VARAZZE P.M. 104 - 3 Oct 45.

56 BLU

1. This HQ has made arrangements with CIP of GENOA for POL allotments. Drawing has already started and as far as this is concerned there are no difficulties.

2. You are instead asked to take an urgent and kind interest to resolve the following difficulties:

(a) Vehicles of the Group have often to go on duties out of the areas where our units are and where our normal POL stocks are. It will happen that these vehicles will not be able to re-fuel along their journeys as the allotment of POL is restricted to CIP's of GENOA, MILAN and PIACENZA.

On the other hand it is not convenient to send the vehicles away with complete supply of POL as that would reduce too much the load of the vehicles and would allow abuse.

(b) It is therefore necessary that vehicles on journeys are allowed to re-fuel in other places where our vehicles often have to pass; BOLOGNA, FLORENCE, LEGHORN, ROME, NAPLES.

(c) That could be arranged asking the central HQ of CIP ROME with authority of AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC APO 794 for a special allotment from CIP depots in a/m places. It is understood that the vehicles will have to present a special ticket to those depots.

3. It is besides requested that also 10 cars of this Group (7 of the HQ and 3 of the CO's of the Regts) are issued by the Petroleum Section with tickets allowing drawing of POL from any CIP depot in Italy. Please contact the Petroleum Section on this matter as it is the only competent to authorize the Central HQ CIP of ROME to give instructions to the various CIP depots to issue tickets to this HQ.

Sure of your interest we thank you.

(Sgd) A. GUERINO Lt Col,
Chief of Staff.

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Sure of your interest we thank you.

(Sgt) A. GUALANO Lt Col,
Chief of Staff.

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Per 125A

File113 ASUBJECT :- Work Tickets56 BLU
3 ST2 Oct 452 District112 A

Reference AFHQ message PX 45700 dated 25 Sep 45.

1. In the a/m message it is stated that
" Work tickets and rubber stamps Quote Entitled to
Draw POL from Allied Stocks Unquote will be
withdrawn and returned to nearest Stationery Depot".
2. It is not understood from the above whether this means that in
future Italian Combat Group vehicles will not carry British type
work tickets at all or whether the intention is that work tickets
shall be carried but not stamped "Authorized to Draw POL from
Allied Sources".

In The Field
JRM/ajwSee 127 A*JRM*
Lt Col
GS

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Lib 110A
Subject: - POL

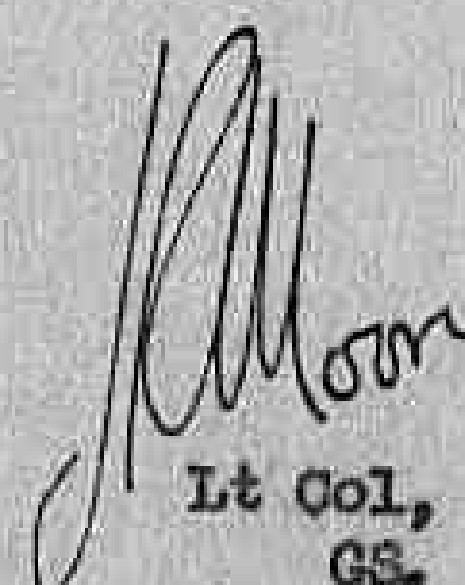
56 BLU
3 ST.

30 Sep 45.

Hq Combat Group MANTOVA.

1. POL has been authorized for issue to Italian Combat Group MANTOVA for the month of OCTOBER under authority AFHQ Pet Section PET 30/B/18 dated 24 Sep as shown at Appx 'A' attached.
2. All lubricants will be drawn from CIPs as shown and any difficulty in supply will be reported to this unit immediately.
3. Representatives of the Group should contact CIP depots at the various locations immediately.

In The Field,
JFM/mh.

See 134A

Lt Col,
GS.

109A 2/2 305

APPENDIX 'A'POL for Combat Group MANTOVAfor month of OCTOBER '45.

		<u>From</u> <u>CIP MILAN</u>	<u>From</u> <u>CIP GENOA</u>	<u>From</u> <u>CIP PIACENZA</u>
MT 80	(quantity in Barrels)	457	2015	77
Motor Oil	(" " ")	11.4	30.5	2.2
Gas oil	(" " ")	-	83	11
C600	(" " ")	2.3	10.1	0.4
Grease	(quantity in lbs)	225	1000	25

Ref Jolo 600A file 1054 **77A**
SUBJECT :- FOL Distribution.
HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

2822/Auto

P.M. 104 14 Aug 45

To: - HQ 2nd Comp PL.

Info: - 56 BLU
104 ST Coy
155 Arty Regt
104 Med Sec
248 Field Hospital.

Having completed the transfer of the vehicles from the old to the new zone, the Petrol Dump instituted at the BRITISH Petrol Point PLACENZA has been abolished.

In view of this it is proposed to install a Petrol Dump at 155 Arty Regt Barracks to supply with petrol this Regt, 104 Med Sec, 248 Fd Hosp and this Groups vehicles which may be in transit.

Of the 4 pumps transferred from the PLACENZA petrol point, two will be withdrawn, to be assigned as follows, 1 to the petrol dump at IMPERIA and the other to some other dump where its necessity may be felt most.

It is also requested that a Daily Statement be sent by messenger from 155 Arty Regt showing the amount of POL distributed by that dump.

(SGD) L. MENNILLI Major

303

SUBJECT:- Formation POL Maintenance

59 Area
Tel: 12732
50 ST 3.
16 Jul 45

807 Petrol Depot.

52 B.L.U.
56 B.L.U.

One Infantry Regt of the MANTOVA GRUPPO will come under command of the LEGNANO Gruppo in the near future.

This Regt will draw its POL requirements from your depot which will be rationed to a maximum of 1500 gallons per day.

Arrangements will be made with the MANTOVA GRUPPO to draw their requirements between 0800 hrs and 1200 hrs daily.

JFRA/TFG

J. Marches
Lt Col

ADST 1945

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18 JUL 1945
357

Subject:- POL to MANTOVA GROUP.

58H
Headquarters,
60 Sub Area, GAF.
241 ST
Tel: 56201

13 July 45.

O 1/e Det 315 BPS (VADO)
OO 128 Petrol Depot

1. MANTOVA GROUP will commence drawing POL on or about 16 July 45.
2. UP TO 2000 gallons per day will be taken from NAFTA, VADO LIGURE. An empty barrel will be brought in against each full one demanded. Issues will be made on behalf of 128 Petrol Depot.
3. Lube will be obtained from 128 Petrol Depot.
4. All demands will bear British officer's signature.

GJF/AL

cfhykapt
Major,
O.D., R.A.S.C.

Copy to:- DADAT 56 B.L.U.

3 JUL 1945

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Refueling SOA file 1087

37A

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA
MT Office

URGENT

No 2532

P.M. 104 16 July 45.

SUBJECT:-- POL Refueling Points.To:-- HQ 104 ST
I Comp FI
II Comp FI

Info:-- HQ 56 BLU

As the Combat Group is changing areas it is ordered:--

- (1) No. 1, 2 & 3 Petrol Points will respectively follow the 76 Inf Regt, 155 Arty Regt and 114 Inf Regt to the new Regimental areas.
- (2) No 4 Petrol Point has already left with the advance party on the 15th to work in the VARAZZE area.
- (3) The Petrol Point at BALIGNANO has moved on the 15th to CESENA to replace Petrol Point No 2. The BALIGNANO Petrol Point will collect all the POL from the other points and remain in the area until the Mobile W/shop leave.
- (4) The OC of I Comp FI, in agreement with the 'Q' office at VARAZZE will give orders for the exact location of Petrol Points 1 & 4.
- (5) The OC II Comp FI will go to MILAN and PLACENZA setting up Petrol Points 2 & 3 and making certain they are functioning efficiently.
- (6) When the Mobile W/shop move, the OC of II Comp FI will obtain repaired vehicles of the unit from the W/shop to enable the transportation of POL that must be handed in to No I Comp FI.

300

(SED) F. FORMISANO Major.

File

53A

Subject:- POL for Tpt Plns.56 BLU
3 STHQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

52A

27 June 45.

Reference your 2176/Auto dated 22 June 45.

1. It is not necessary for the Tpt Coy to draw POL from Div Stocks whilst it's role is being carried on under British Command outside the Group.
2. As explained to the Interpreter officer in the office of CRASC 67 Gen Tpt CoIn on 25 June, the Coy can draw normally from the nearest British POL Depot, and if difficulty is experienced they must contact the CRASC HQ who will give the necessary assistance.

In The Field.
RCM/mh.Lch
Lt Col,
GS.

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Ref Jolip 46A file 105T

52A

SUBJECT:- POL for Transport Platoons.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

2176/Auto

P.M. 104 22 June 45.

56 BLU

The Transport Platoons at the moment on duty with 214 Sub Area at RIMINI, draw POL from the Combat Group Dump, at the same time this HQ has no possibility of checking the use of the vehicles by the Sub Area.

Over and above this, the POL used for duties outside the Group becomes a burden on the POL drawn by the Combat Group.

It is therefore requested to you for convenience that the vehicles attached out of the Combat Group should be provided with POL by the same HQ, thereby they can be effectively controlled in the use and consumption of POL.

(SGD) F. FORMISANO
Chief Service Office.

see 53A

File H2A. J.L. 10.57 ref.

SUBJECT:- Drawing of POL.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

Copy to:- 56 BLU

HQ 114 Inf Regt

682/Auto

P.M. 104 4 June 45.

1. At the petrol depot 160 cans of petrol were drawn by II/114 for a total of 640 gallons.
2. As these cans did not contain the regular quantity of petrol, a commission was called and it was found that 129 gallons were missing from the quantity signed on the voucher.

3. It is not possible during the drawing of POL to check the cans as they are directly loaded on the lorries and only the number is checked.

Attached copy of the verbal, and you are informed that the petrol has been taken on charge on the real quantity.

(SGD) G. BONAGURA Major.

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2. As these cans did not contain the regular quantity of petrol, a commission was called and it was found that 129 gallons were missing from the quantity signed on the voucher.

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Attached copy of the verbal, and you are informed that the petrol has been taken on charge on the real quantity.

(SCE) G. BONAGURA Major.

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20 JUN 1945

VERBAL

On the first of June 45 in the Bn Park, the undersigned commission has proceeded to check the petrol contents in 160 cans, drawn from the Petrol Depot on the 29 and 31 May 45.

The cans were issued for 4 gallon each.

It was instead checked that:

- (1) 118 cans contained only 3 gallons.
- (2) 22 cans contained only $3\frac{1}{2}$ gallons.
- (3) 20 cans contained 4 gallons.

For that reason the a/m commission has stated that there is a deficiency of 129 gallons of petrol from the quantity signed on the vouchers.

This verbal, done in three copies, is read and signed on the date and in the place a/m.

The Commission

Signed ENRICO VIVARELLI Capt
GUIDO BERTOLDO 2/Lt
ANGILBERTO AGNELLI 2/Lt

Seen by

Signed BATTAGLINI Lt Col
OC II Bn 114 Inf Regt.

SUBJECT: - REL. DATA IN SUMMARY.

HQ Combat Group MARINA

56 MDT
5 SE

19 June 45

1. Reference your 1860/Aves dated 5 Jun on the subject of 4 gallon returnable containers.
2. It is very probable that RAs are frequently found to be of short measure, the reason being that these cans are filled by the thousand at base depots and through intermediate handling, transport by road and rail, and usual considerable leakage on the depot plus expansion they are found to show these discrepancies. This is accepted, within reason, by the British army, and it is therefore suggested that it might be accepted by the Italian army, especially as REL is a Common Stock, and not issued on replacement.
3. For accounting purposes you are advised to accept at the theoretic quantity figures and on your REL ledgers show a write off figure each week to cover the discrepancies as and when they occur.
4. There is always a small percentage of water in petroleum containers of any type, water can always be observed, when present, to sink to the bottom of the containers, and care should be taken to pump out water from the bottom of the container. However if instances occur whereby it is discovered that the containers hold a very high percentage of water you must immediately inform MUST 56 MDT and such containers must be segregated for return and investigation by the Depot from which drawn.

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In The Field,
MAY/ejw295 Lt Col,
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*Refolio 39A file 105T**48A*SUBJECT: - POL drawn in AREZZO.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

1860/Auto

P.M. 104 9 Jun 45.
-----To: - 56 BLU

1. When petrol is drawn at 111 Petrol Depot AREZZO it oftens happens that the 4 Gallon cans are issued not full.
2. The British personnel in charge of issue, asked for the reason for this deficiency, said that the cans arrive at the Depot in that condition and therefore must be accepted for the theoric quantity.
3. You are also informed that sometimes it has been found that water was mixed with the petrol.
4. Will you please investigate on what said above and inform this HQ on the instructions to give to the units incase this inconvenience should happen again.
5. I spoke on this matter days ago with Major Moore.

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See 49A
(SGD) A. GUALANO Lt Col
Chief of Staff.

444

Subject: Collection - P.O.L.

444A

56 MAY
3 ST

5 AM 45

1st, Combat Group, "MANTOVA"

Copies to :- CO, BANC, HQ, 214 Sub Area
CO, 4. H.F.P.C., H.A.S.C.

1. Confirming verbal instructions the Group will draw all requirements of P.O.L. from 4. H.F.P.C. H.A.S.C. REMINT.
2. Will you please warn all units that strict vehicle discipline must be observed within the patrol depot area, and compliance with speed limits is particularly stressed.

In the Field.
RON/om

sch
14. Col.
63.

Subject: Petrol Issues.

D.A.D.S.T.
56 B.L.U.

Pb

43A

1. The attached 108 was handed in by the Mantova Gruppo as an indent for POL. In view of the fact that this has not been properly signed we are unable to make the issue.
2. Every effort has been made to telephone you this morning to confirm the indent but unfortunately we were unable to get through.
3. We should also like to take this opportunity of asking if the transport NCOs who collect POL from this Depot could be informed that the speed limit is 20 miles per hour. We have pointed this out to the NCOs continuously for the last month but the drivers still continue to travel at approx. 35 m.p.h. thus endangering the lives of everybody.

OMF.

1 Jun 45.

R. E. Cunningham
Capt, RASC.
Commanding 127 Petrol Depot, RASC.

2 JUN 1945

ST3

Rdw

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File

39A

Subject:- No.4 S/R Pumps.56 BLU
3 ST

9 May 45.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

1. An additional two No.4 Semi Rotary Pumps have been loaned by 114 P.D. RASC to the Group, bringing the total number on loan to eight.
2. Will you please forward a bulk receipt to the HQ BLU for eight No.4 S/R pumps.
3. As and when the 2" Hoses are worn beyond local repair, please notify quantities required for replacement.
4. Please notify the locations of established petrol points within the Div Area and state if they are barrel points, or can points, or both.

In The Field.
RCN/mh.
Lt Col,
GS.

ALL 4/A

SUBJECT:- MANTOVA Gruppi - 56 B.L.U.

ST/239/4

DDST,
HQ 1 District.

1. DADST, 56 BLU has requested an initial issue of 500 barrels MT 80 and six No 4 G/R pumps for establishment of Gp PPs. This has been arranged.
2. Subsequent maintenance will be by barrel exchange. Estimated daily consumption is 6000 galls. This will be drawn ex 127 Petrol Depot and vouchered to 207 Petrol Depot.
3. First drawing may be on 15 Apr 45.

In the Field.
13 Apr 45.

Chisner
Lt-Col ADST.,
HQ No 55 Area. 29021 Apr 1945

Copy to:- DADST 56 BLU
CRASC 13 Pet Installations.
OC 127 Petrol Depot.
OC 207 Petrol Depot.

TOS /455.

File
ST 3
Lch

SUBJECT:- POL Requirements.

HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"

SECRET

56 HJH
ST 3

27 Apr 45.

1. Maintenance of the Group with POL will be effected by 111 Petrol Depot who operate under 207 Petrol Depot ARRELO. (Please note that 111 P.D. has very recently taken over from 127 P.D.)
2. An initial issue of 500 barrels (20,000 gals) AT 60 has been arranged to meet requirements within the Group. Six Net S/R pumps have also been released and these together with pumps already held should be sufficient to meet the needs of the Group.
3. Further supplies of petrol will be met by 111 P.D. on a barrel for barrel exchange basis.
4. Oils and Lubricants will be drawn in the normal manner from 111 P.D.
5. It is essential that indents are submitted on AB 106 in duplicate.
6. It is suggested that POL points are set up on the basis of 2 per Inf Regt, 1 for the Arty Regt, 2 for the Adm. Units at FOGGIONSI, 1 at RADDA for the use of the Group HQ and the BLU.

In The Field,
BNW/ajw

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Lt Col,
CS.

Subject: - Jerricans - MT 80.

56 MLU
3 ST
3 Apr 45.

00 8 Petrol Depot RASC.

1. In accordance with HQ 3 District (STP), and conversation Lt Col MORLING - Major RO NILES RASC, will you please release up to 3000 Jerricans MT 80 to Combat Group 'MANTOVA' (Italian).
2. The bearer is authorized to collect.

In The Field.
RCN/ah.

Lt Col,
GS.

Copy to: - HQ 'MANTOVA'.

Please arrange for 14x36m Cr. to collect from
S.P.D. CASORIA on 4/4/45. O/C Norway
must take indent in duplicate made
out for 2154 cans containing
8436 gals MT 80. 288

File
Subject: Berosene.

MASTOVA Group.

21A
56 JUL
3 197
2 Feb 45.

RA
Reference your RM 104, dated 30 Jan 45.

1. Authority is given for the issue of 1 x 40 gallon drum of Berosene immediately.
2. *The* Indent will be forwarded to me for counter signature.

In the Field.
RCH/nh.

RLH
Lt Col,
CS.

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file

Subject:- VEHICLES of TRANSIT CAMP(58)

14 17

56 DIU
3 ST
14 Jan 45

Gruppo Di Combattimento. "MANTOVA".

Ref your FM 104 dated 28 Dec 44.

1. The Comando Tappa (58) ~~BREVEVINO~~ may use "MANTOVA" Workshops for repairs - this is actually in operation. Spaces may be obtained by contacting the Stores Officer of Workshops.

In the Field.
MH/cwf.

del.
Lt-Col.
GS.

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Subject:- Vehicles of Transit Camp (98)
Commando Tappa - Benevento.

56 BLU
3 ST

31 Dec 44

Commando Gruppo Di Combattimento, MANTOVA,
Ufficio Col Capo SM - 2 Sezione.

Reference your FM 104 dated 25 Dec 44.

As far as 56 BLU is concerned there is no reason why 58 Commando Tappa should not draw POL from 104 R T and R. All stocks, drawn from British sources and signed for by an authorised Italian unit of Mantova, automatically become Italian stocks. It is suggested that issues be made accordingly and subject to the 'Mantova' accounting system.

In The Field.
MH

kel
/ Lt Col,
GS.

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