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53 B.L.V. Q 6/A Transport (Part 4)

Oct. 1, 1944 - Dec. 27, 1944

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11. In confirmation of correspondence made at the above date regarding the report listed in this letter (6 - 58 and 6 - 60) of 26 November 61 of 27 December 61 will be collected as follows :-

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(a) Admission party at 10:00 am on 10/10/1945. The party was composed of 100 persons. The party was composed of 100 persons. The party was composed of 100 persons.

(b) Admission party at 2:00 pm on 10/10/1945. The party was composed of 100 persons. The party was composed of 100 persons. The party was composed of 100 persons.

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Dec 22. (a) Advance party of 4 Dr. Van Lenns field trip, provided to vehicle by at night. Trip provided by your HQ (2 3000 hours) with 1 Dr and 2/3. The coldest advance party (1200) here. (b) 60 Indian boys were around 5 vehicles made up of 2000 hrs and return with 60 vehicles.

• as follows: (1) If a woman has
one egg, she must have two of

Dec 31. (a) 62 Traction engines arrive 9 Volvols plus 2000 tons of material at the GP station.
(b) 6000000 r/oz needed to sustain them here.

Don't miss our new Vehicle Stock Book. \$7.00 now just \$5.95 with 5% rebate.

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Aug 3. 55. Airplane arrived Field 11.30, Radio Landed 12.00. Left at 1.00, returned at 3.45. Wind calm.

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Dec 30. 60 Vehicles delivered to 3 Vehicle Park Camp 0700 hrs and return with 60 vehicles. 60

Dec 31. (a) 60 Vehicles delivered to 3 Vehicle Park Camp 0700 hrs and return with 60 vehicles. 60
(b) Campy emergency r/c's suspended to return from camp. 70 4/00

Jan 1. 55 vehicles arrive Vehicle Park 0700 hrs and return with 55 vehicles. 55

Jan 2. 55 vehicles arrive Vehicle Park 0700 hrs and return with 55 vehicles. 55

Jan 3. 55 vehicles arrive Vehicle Park 0700 hrs and return with 55 vehicles. 55

Jan 4. 43 vehicles arrive Vehicle Park 0700 hrs and return with 43 vehicles. 43

Total r/c collected 143 W/om
195 35 Vehicles
3 Trailers

43 W/om and 3 Trailers will be collected from vehicle Ops and then as stated in this HQ Letter 06-50 and 06-60 of 25 Dec.

2. All camps of drivers for next week vehicle ops will report to JAGHIA vehicle in there HQ I/C drivers party will give necessary instructions if the auto be collected from other pins. If these other pins are in their area it may be necessary to take 2 days over return journey.

Robert M. H. 2 10.001
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Subject: Transport

To: - Hq Combat Group FOLGORE

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REMS

53 B.L.U.
Ref Q6 - 61
27 Dec 44

1. Further to this Hq letter Q6 - 60 of 26 Dec 44.
2. The undermentioned tpt is released to 317 Pro Section from 9 Vehicle Pk, CAPUA.

1 Car 2 str Lt Utility OL.I
3 Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS CL.I
1 Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS CL.I

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3. This additional tpt will be collected on 31 Dec thereby increasing the drivers to be sent to the above vehicle park from 57 to 62.


Lt. Col.
G. S.

ARMY FORM 2436 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

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Transmission Instructions

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ENTER DATE STAMP

FROM
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Originator

Date - Time of Origin

53 Postal Liaison Unit

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For Action

TO

(WI) For Information (INFO)

HQ Liaison Co FORT MONROE

Message Instruction

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Originator's No.

86-62

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
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IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
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Dispatch Unit

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Subject: 204To: 1-H.C. Contact Group 110003C
OF
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100353 P.L.U.
Ref. 36 - 50
26 Dec 44720
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1. Reported in as above 'A' particulars of 1st released to auxiliary units of the 1st Arm Vehicle Group and Tanks on above.

2. Arrangements for the collection of these vehicles will be made later.

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Arthur H. F.
Col.
G.S.

Ref. 1 to 13 HQ Letter
Ref. 15 - 50 of 26 Dec 44.

Quantity	Vehicles.	Unit to which assigned.	To be collected from.
1	1/2 ton solo 350cc	CL. 1	6 Group BMT
1	Truck 15 cwt 4x2 GS	"	2 Pz Bakery
1	Truck 15 cwt 4x2 motor	"	"
1	Truck 15 cwt 4x2 GS	"	230 Pz Hospital
1	Lorry 5 ton 4x2 GS	"	582 Pz Hospital
1	Truck 15 cwt 4x2	"	6 Group BMT
1	Lorry 5 ton 4x2 GS	"	9 Veh Park Corps
12	1/2 ton solo 300 cc	"	6 Group BMT
5	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	"	do
4	Trucks 15 cwt motor	"	do
3	Cars 5 cwt 4x2	"	do
1	Truck 15 cwt 4x2 motor & 1st	"	2 Pz Tank Coy
6	Lorries 5 ton 4x2 GS	"	9 Veh Park Corps
1	Lorry 30 cwt 6x6 4x2	"	do
1	Lorry 5 ton 6x6 4x2 24 hr use	"	6 Group BMT
14	Lorries 5 ton 4x2 GS (for Bailey Bridges.	"	

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Subject: Tnt

53 B.L.H.
Ref. 46 - 59
26 Dec 44

18 : H.Q. Combat Group POLICOM

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RUMS

1. Ref your 2402/Scrv of 11 Dec.

2. The position re the tpt shown in the above mentioned letter as (a) G.1098 tpt and (b) for training tpt has been discussed with higher authority.

3. It is considered that your figure of 4 - 5 ton Dodge lorries as representing the only tpt available to count against G.1098 scale should be increased.

4. Please arrange for a further inspection of the tpt, listed in your letter as available for training with a view to reclassifying a proportion of them as serviceable on G.1098 scale of tpt.

Captain RUMS will give every assistance in this matter that you require. 862


Lt. Col.
G.S.

Subject: Transport

To: My Combat Group FORT

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53 H.L.B.
Ref 46 - 58
25 Dec 44

1. Herewith as Appx 'A' particulars of tpt released to the Group from the Vehicle Group and Units as shown.
2. Information has been received that a page of the W/Os will be handed over in crates, the crates will be returned to Mr and Mrs Robert T. Baker after use under arrangements made by Baker this day.
3. Please inform this is of the distribution of this tpt to the units.
4. Arrangements for collection of these vehicles will be made later.

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Philip W. May
Lt. Col.
C.S.

APR 14 to 51 PM letter
201 46 - 21 of 25 Dec 46

VEHICLES ASSIGNED TO AFB (AFB) TO GUNNY CENTER PERSONNEL

Quantity	Description of Vehicles	Class	From
1	Motorcycles solo 500 cc	I	14 Veh Fk ROME
70	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 G3	I	3 Veh Fk G3/14
50	" " " " " " " "	LD	" " " " " "
20	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 driveless	LD	" " " " " "
3	" " " " " " " "	I	" " " " " "
2	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 G3	LD	" " " " " "
40	Lorries 30 cwt 6 x 4 G3/14	I	" " " " " "
5	(In line of 3 ton 4 x 4 G3/14)	I	" " " " " "
30	Tractors 4 x 4 G3	I	" " " " " "
2	Tractors heavy, General	I	" " " " " "
2	(In line of tractors 4/14)	I	" " " " " "
2	Trailers 15 cwt motor	I	" " " " " "
4	Trailers 20 cwt 2 wheel G3	I	" " " " " "
4	Subtractors 4 x 2 heavy	I	" " " " " "
30	Motorcycles solo 500 cc	I	2 Group HALL
6	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	I	" " " " " "
21	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	I	" " " " " "
1	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	I	" " " " " "
50	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	LD	" " " " " "
10	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 motor	I	" " " " " "
5	" " " " " " " "	LD	" " " " " "
4	" " " " " " " "	I	" " " " " "
2	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	I	6 Group HALL
4	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	LD	" " " " " "
6	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 G3	I	" " " " " "
40	" " " " " " " "	I	" " " " " "
8	" " " " " " " "	I	" " " " " "
1	(In line of 3 ton G3/14)	I	" " " " " "
2	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 4/14	I	" " " " " "
1	Lorry 3 ton 4 x 4 G3/14	I	" " " " " "
1	Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 G3	I	" " " " " "

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Trucks	15	cwt	4	x	2
Trucks	15	cwt	4	x	2
"	"	"	"	"	"
Lorries	3	ton	4	x	2
"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"
In lieu of 3 ton cartons,					
Lorry	3	ton	4	x	2
Lorry	3	ton	4	x	4
Lorry	3	ton	4	x	2
In lieu of 5 ton cartons					
Lorry	3	ton	4	x	2
In lieu of 3 ton cwt)					
Lorry	3	ton	4	x	2
In lieu of 5 ton cwt)					

Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
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Transmission Instructions

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For Action

TO

(W) For information (INFO)

Message instructions

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Originator's No.

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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Subject: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

To: 3 District

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Date

53 R.A.H.
Per 16 - 50
21 Dec 64

1. On 21 Dec the unauthorized vehicle was collected by Combat Co. 5000th
from 412 Vehicle Park 5000th under AFM (AS) Release Note 71/641 of 5 Dec 64.

Lost 3 ton body type '1 34' 3074.1158391 ✓

2. By the above release note this vehicle was Class 1.

3. Attached as page 'A' is a report by Captain 5001 this re on this vehicle
on its arrival in the 4p area.

4. The Combat Co. is not in a position to make this vehicle serviceable at
present even if the missing parts were available owing to personnel or work and
lack of equipment.

5. In addition this vehicle was listed as a Class 1 vehicle deficient of
vehicle tools.

6. In view of the above a full certificate for this vehicle is submitted.

7. Please inform this re if a release for a vehicle of similar type can be
issued in the near future.

L. H. M. M. M.

St. Col.
R. A.

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APR 1951 to 53 and latter
Dec 5 - 56 of 23 Dec 46.

Report on Workshop work done '1 30' issued to Mechanical Engineer Workshop.

Date of arrival: Night 21/22 Dec 46.
M. I. No. L 4582591
Contract No. 299/1/4550
Chassis No. 311735
Motor: 147/200

Examination:

The vehicle itself was serviceable.

The battery charging equipment was B.A.

The following major defects were noted :-

- (a) The generator was not fixed to the bedplate. It was lying on one side retained only by the connecting wires.
- (b) Generator - Diesel engine coupling missing.
- (c) Diesel cylinder head and gasket not fitted but lying loose on the floor.
- (d) One piston missing.
- (e) Injectors and cylinder head feed pipes missing.
- (f) Exhaust pipe not fixed and flexible portion broken.
- (g) No charging harness fitted.
- (h) The very small amount of equipment supplied was scattered over the floor and it appeared that the lockers had all been left open. There were no charging leads.
- (i) The interior generally gave the impression that the vehicle had been left while workshop repairs were in progress, and before it had been kitted up.

(Signed) S. G. Sinton,
Capt., RMC.

22 Dec 46

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Report in Workshop Log Type T-30 issued to Mechanical Engineers

Workshop.

Date of arrival - Night 21/22 Dec.

W.D. NE - A.4582381

Contract NE - 258/V/4550

Chassis no - 311436

Make - Rayfield.

Condition.

The vehicle itself was Serviceable

The Battery Charging Equipment was ^{E.L.P.} ~~not~~ serviceable.
The following major defects were noted: -

- (a) The generator was not fixed to the bed 556.
It was lying on its one side retained only by the armoring wires.
- (b) Generator - Diesel Engine coupling missing
- (c) Diesel cylinder head and gasket not fitted but lying loose on the floor.
- (d) One piston missing.
- (e) Piston and cylinder head feed holes missing.
- (f) Exhaust pipe not fixed and flexible portion broken.

(g) Air intake system broken.

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(a) The generator was not fixed to the bed. It was lying on its side retained only by the connecting wires.

(a) The generator was not fixed to the bed. It was lying on its side retained only by the connecting wires.

(1) Generator - Diesel Engine coupling missing
(2) Diesel Engine hard and gearset not fitted
but bring back on the line.

- (4) One piston missing.
- (5) Intake and exhaust head fast with missing.
- (6) Exhaust like not fixed and exhaust section.

broken.

24. The very small amount of equipment submitted was scattered over the floor, and it appeared that the doctors had all been left alone. There were no changing pads.

the interior generally gave the impression that the vehicle had been very old, while embedded debris were in evidence, and before it had been killed up.

Arthur - Capt.

22/12/20

Subject: Transport

To :- Hq Combat Group FULCORA

Ord

53 B.L.U.
Ref Q6 - 57
24 Dec 44

1. Ref this Hq Letter Q6 - 35 para 6 of 4 Dec 44.
2. Although over 600 vehicles have been collected within the last 3 weeks no deficiency lists of tools in respect of this tpt have been submitted to this Hq.
3. Owing to the fact that these deficiencies must now be considerable please arrange for them to be submitted in the form of unit consolidated indents. It would be preferable if one set of indents were submitted now and the second set when the second 50% of G.1098 scale tpt has been received.

Raymond M. F.
Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Subject :- Date

To :-

H.Q. Combat Group FOLSON

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Ord

53 H.L.U.

Ref. G. 34

23 Dec 44

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1. Ref your 2566/3.L. of 21 Dec 44.
2. By W5 18/577/1 of 9 Oct 44, an Italian Mobile Dental Unit is authorized to hold one Lorry 3 ton 4x2 G3 (fitted with pent house).
3. Owing to the immediate necessity of equipping the above unit auxiliary is given for the Gp to hand over one Lorry 3 ton 4x2 G3 released to it to this auxiliary unit.
4. It must be clearly understood that when a similar vehicle is released to the auxiliary unit it will hand it, or the vehicle your Gp now hands to the unit, back to the Gp. It is pointed out that when the lorry is eventually released to this auxiliary unit it may be fitted with pent house.

Philip M. F. Lt. Col.
G.S.

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22 DEC 1944

H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

TRANSLATION.1 Sez. Op. Inf. Serv.

2546/S.M. di prot

21 Dec 44.

Subject :- 114 Mobile Dental Unit

To :- 53 B.L.U.

1. The SARE (General Staff Royal Army) on ref No. 8397 of 7 Nov 44 has assigned to this Combat Group the 114 Mobile Dental Unit.
2. The military hospital Naples has been given the responsibility of preparing the above mentioned Unit.

The SARE informs us that the MMIA, in consideration of the urgency of getting ready the said unit, has determined that a British lorry be given to the people in charge of providing the equipment.

We therefore ask you to make arrangements in this matter.

(Signed) G.F. Cangini.

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Headquarters,
Movements,
Foggia Sub Area.

CONVOY NO. 100 (CONVOY 100) Date: 20 Dec
UNIT: 100 (CONVOY 100) to TEXAS on 21 Dec
Will move from LUCIFER to TEXAS on 21 Dec
Vehicles: 50 Trailers Guns OFFERS ORS
Route: 100 (CONVOY 100) to TEXAS on 21 Dec
SP: 100 (CONVOY 100) to TEXAS on 21 Dec
MTH: 100 (CONVOY 100) to TEXAS on 21 Dec
Halts: 100 (CONVOY 100) to TEXAS on 21 Dec
Distance: 28 Miles ETA Destination: 16:30

POL: 100 (CONVOY 100) to TEXAS on 21 Dec

Rations: 100 (CONVOY 100) to TEXAS on 21 Dec

Water Point: 100 (CONVOY 100) to TEXAS on 21 Dec

Rep report I.C.Fs. Ahead to: 100 (CONVOY 100) to TEXAS on 21 Dec

At destination report to: 100 (CONVOY 100) to TEXAS on 21 Dec

Authority for move: 100 (CONVOY 100) to TEXAS on 21 Dec

Details of load: 100 (CONVOY 100) to TEXAS on 21 Dec

Remarks: 100 (CONVOY 100) to TEXAS on 21 Dec

100 (CONVOY 100) to TEXAS on 21 Dec

100 (CONVOY 100) to TEXAS on 21 Dec

for Staff Capt. Q (M).

ORDERS TO A CONVOY COMMANDER.

1. A Convoy Commander will always be appointed by the Officer responsible for the initiation of a convoy.

W. R. B. L.

for Staff Capt. Q (II).

ORDERS TO A CONVOY COMMANDER.

1. A Convoy Commander will always be appointed by the Officer responsible for the initiation of a convoy.
 - a. He is responsible for the care and discipline of the convoy and that all appropriate orders are enforced and obeyed.
 - b. He will detail an advance party whenever necessary.
 - c. He is responsible for all recovery arrangements.
 - d. He is responsible for air and ground protection - both on move and at halts.

CONVOY DISCIPLINE.

2. CONVOY DISCIPLINE.
- a. A convoy is defined as a group of vehicles moving at one time in a concerted formation. Districts and Base Section may determine the number of vehicles to so compose a convoy within their districts. All such convoys will obtain authorisation and instruction prior to any movements within an area from MOVEMENTS or TRANSPORTATION OFFICER of the area concerned.

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Overleaf.

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b. Each convoy will display a Blue Flag on the lead vehicles and a Green Flag on the last vehicle. No other vehicle, either casual or in convoy, will display a flag of any description; trackers, ambulances, and vehicles of General Officers and Area Commanders excepted.

c. Each vehicle in convoy will display a convoy number, as allotted in MOVEMENT Orders, on front and rear in chalk or other legible marking.

d. Convoys will not double back or pass another convoy without specific directions of Traffic Control personnel.

e. Convoys will not, except in emergencies, stop on the highway for any purpose whatsoever; requisition halts will be made as ordered in MOVEMENT orders. When halted a man from each vehicle will be posted on the left of the road to signal oncoming traffic to pass, and the Convoy Commander is responsible that any convoy in rear is notified of the halt.

f. Convoy Commanders will ensure that all officers travelling in the convoy know all details of the movement, and that all drivers are fully informed of their destination and route thereto.

g. Convoys will adhere strictly to orders of the Traffic control. In cases where this is impossible due to emergencies, the nearest Traffic Control Point will be notified.

3. SAVING A JAM

a. Convoy orders normally control the speed by indicating the number of miles to be travelled in the hour. The importance of maintaining this speed cannot be exaggerated for upon it depends the movements of other convoys. To exceed or to fail to maintain speed in bad weather results in delays and congestion of other movements.

b. All convoys will travel at a density (v.t.m.) as indicated in movement orders. Except when clear of the road vehicles will maintain the same distance when they halt and will not close up.

4. USE OF ROADWAY. All vehicles will be driven as far to the right of the centre of the roadway as surface conditions and safety permits. No vehicle will stop on the travelled portion of the road outside the built-up areas except as required by the flow of traffic or by emergency. When it is necessary to halt, the vehicles will draw off to the right of the roadway as far as possible. In built up areas parking may be permitted, according to local rulings.

5. LIGHTS. After dark all vehicles of each convoy will employ low beam headlights. Convoy Commanders may, during local restrictions, vary this procedure at their discretion.

6. AIR AND AIRCRAFT. During air alerts convoys will proceed normally by day, unless actually attacked at night marker lights will be used and the convoy will continue at 5 m.p.h.

7. ATTENTION AIR ATTACK. If the convoy is attacked by hostile aircraft it will halt at full reach distance by the side of the road, and troops will dismount, disperse and engage the aircraft.

8. UNARMED PERSONNEL. No lifts may be given to civilians.

9. UNARMED PERSONNEL. The organizational commander or convoy commander will be held responsible that there is no firing of weapons of any type by the personnel in the unit, or convoy, or fires, poles, or insulators, or other objects during the march.

10. CAUTION - OVERHEAD ELECTRIC CABLES. The railway line BOGAL - ENLIMANTO is now run by electric traction. The overhead cables are therefore live. Drivers of vehicles will be cautioned to ensure that no part of their vehicle or load comes into contact

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 6. USE OF SIGNALS:- During air alerts convoys will proceed normally by day, unless otherwise directed. At night marker lights will be used and the convoy will continue at 5 m.p.h.
 7. ATTACHING AIR ALICES:- If the convoy is attacked by hostile aircraft it will halt at full reach distance by the side of the road, and troops will disembark, disperse and engage the aircraft.
 8. EXTRACURRICULAR TRIPS:- No lifts may be given to civilians.
 9. EXTRACURRICULAR TRIPS:- The organizational commander or convoy commander will be held responsible that there is no firing of weapons of any type by the personnel in the unit, or convoy, at wires, poles, or insulators, or other objects during the march.
 10. CANNON - OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL CABLES:- The railway line FOGGIA - BELLINZANO is not run by electric traction. The overhead cables are therefore live. Drivers of vehicles will be cautioned to ensure that no part of their vehicle or load comes into contact with the overhead cable at level crossings.

CROSSINGS at:-

FOGGIA - CARRICOLA Road J 3217 2 miles from FOGGIA.

FOGGIA - MULES Road J 1803 BOVINO area.

J 1701 " "

O 1596 " "

O 0294 SAVIGNANO -
2 miles FOGGIA side of SAVIGNANO.

Headquarters,
Movements,
Foggia Sub Area.

CONVOY NO. 319

UNJT. 412 V.P. Date. 18 DEC
Will move from. KUCERA to. TERESA on. 19 DEC

Vehicles. 30 Trailers. Guns. OFFRS. ORS.
Route. ARIZONA - BENEFVENTO - CAPUA -
TRIFALICO - CAIRAZZO - TERESA

SP. FOGGIA Time past SP. 20
MTH. IN. VTM.

Halts. Distance. 117 Miles. ETA Destination.

POL. SUFFICIENT FOR JOURNEY.
Rations. Water Point.

Rep report I.C.Fs. Ahead to. UNIT LOCATION
At destination report to. OC 37 VEH COY
Authority for move. FORPAGE FOR P.M.P.S. CAPUA
Details of load.

Remarks. Convoy. Consider. TO REPORT TO
MAY FOGGIA FOR INSTRUCTIONS. 351
DEPARTURE TIMES.

for Staff Capt. Q (H).

ORDERS TO A CONVOY COMMANDER.

1. A Convoy Commander will always be appointed by the Officer

At destination report to.....
 Authority for move.....
 Details of load.....
 Remarks.....
 Convoy Report to Report to
 Mov Forces Forces Instructions 851
 DIFFERENCE TIMES

for Staff Capt. Q (M).

ORDERS TO A CONVOY COMMANDER.

1. A Convoy Commander will always be appointed by the Officer responsible for the initiation of a convoy.
 - a. He is responsible for the care and discipline of the convoy and that all appropriate orders are enforced and obeyed.
 - b. He will detail an advance party whenever necessary.
 - c. He is responsible for all recovery arrangements.
 - d. He is responsible for air and ground protection - both on move and at halts.

2. CONVOY DISCIPLINE.

- a. A convoy is defined as a group of vehicles moving at one time in a concerted formation. Districts and Base Section may determine the number of vehicles to so compose a convoy within their districts. All such convoys will obtain authorization and instruction prior to any movements within an area from MOVEMENTS or TRANSPORTATION OFFICER of the area concerned.

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 Overleaf.

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b. Each convoy will display a Blue Flag on the lead vehicles and a Green Flag on the last vehicle. No other vehicle, either casual or in convoy, will display a flag of any description; trucks, ambulances, and vehicles of General Officers and Area Commanders excepted.

c. Each vehicle in convoy will display a convoy number, an allotted in MOVEMENT Orders, on front and rear in chalk or other legible marking.

d. Convoys will not double back or pass another convoy without specific directions of Traffic Control personnel.

e. Convoys will not, except in emergency, stop on the highway for any purpose whatsoever: regulation halts will be made as ordered in MOVEMENT orders. When halted a man from each vehicle will be posted on the left of the road to signal oncoming traffic to pass, and the Convoy Commander is responsible that any convoy in rear is notified of the halt.

f. Convoy Commanders will ensure that all officers travelling in the convoy know all details of the movement, and that all drivers are fully informed of their destination and route thereto.

g. Convoys will adhere strictly to orders of the Traffic Control. In cases where this is impossible due to emergencies, the nearest Traffic Control Point will be notified.

3. SPEED AND DENSITY.

a. Convoy orders normally control the speed by indicating the number of miles to be travelled in the hour. The importance of maintaining this speed cannot be overestimated for upon it depends the movements of other convoys. To exceed or to fail to maintain speed as laid down results in delays and congestion of other movements.

b. All convoys will travel at a density (v.t.m.) as indicated in movement orders. Except when clear of the road vehicles will maintain the same distance when they halt and will not close up.

4. USE OF ROADWAY. All vehicles will be driven as far to the right of the centre of the roadway as surface conditions and safety permits. No vehicles will stop on the travelled portion of the road outside the built-up areas except as required by the flow of traffic or by emergency. When it is necessary to halt, the vehicles will draw off to the right of the roadway as far as possible. In built up areas parking may be permitted, according to local rulings.

5. LIGHTS. After dark all vehicles of each convoy will employ low beam headlights. Convoy Commanders may, bearing local restrictions, vary this procedure at their discretion.

6. AIR RAIL ALARMS. During air alerts convoys will proceed normally by day, unless actually attacked. At night marker lights will be used and the convoy will continue at 5 m.p.h.

7. HOSTILE AIR ATTACK. If the convoy is attacked by hostile aircraft it will halt at full march distance by the side of the road, and troops will dismount, disperse and notice the aircraft.

8. UNARMED HOSTILE LIGHTS. No lights may be given to civilians.

9. UNARMED HOSTILE FIRING. The organizational commander or convoy commander will be held responsible that there is no firing of weapons of any type by the personnel in the unit, or convoy, at wires, poles, or insulators, or other objects during the march.

10. CAUTION - OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL CABLES. The railway line FOGEL - BENVENTO is now under electrical traction. The overhead cables are therefore live. Drivers of vehicles

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10. CAUTION - OVERHEAD ELECTRIC CABLES:- The railway line FOGGIA - BENEVENTO is not run by electric traction. The overhead cables are therefore live. Drivers of vehicles will be cautioned to ensure that no part of their vehicle or load comes into contact with the overhead cable at level crossings.

CROSSINGS at:-

FOGGIA - CERVIGNOLA Road J 3217 2 miles from FOGGIA.

FOGGIA - MALLIS Road J 1803 BOVINO Road.

J 1701 " "

O 1596 " "

O 0294 S.VIGNANO -
2 miles FOGGIA side of S.VIGNANO.

H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'

1. Sec. Op. Inf. Serv,

2630/Serv

1657
23 DEC 1944

22 Dec 44

Subject: Newly assigned vehicles.

To :- 53 B.L.U.

We communicate as per attached sheet, the WD Nos of vehicles arrived ^{8:50} from Lucera on the night of 20 - 21 Dec, and the units to which they have been distributed.

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Signed - Lazzaro Dessy.

H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'
1 Sec. Op. Inf. Serv.

1649
22 DEC 1944
20 Dec 44

2604/Serv di prot

Subject: Collection of Transport from CAPUA.

To :- 53 B.L.U.

As per arrangements made with the above B.L.U. on 19 Dec, 58 drivers were sent to CAPUA to collect transport.

When they arrived at the British Vehicle Park, they were sent back to TELESE because they were to go back again the next day.

Today, the same drivers, presented themselves at the said park, and were once again sent back to TELESE without transport and had been invited to return on the morrow.

Signed - G.P. Cangini.

Subject :- Tpt.

To : 1. H.Q. Combat Group FOGGIA

53 P.I.U.
Ref. Q6 - 53
22 Dec 44.

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1. Ref your 2605/Serv of 20 Dec.

2. From enquiries made by this HQ it appears that Movement Control FOGGIA have authority to use all road carrying tpt, proceeding through the FOGGIA area, to carry stores etc from that area to depots in the approximate vicinity of the unit to which the tpt is assigned.

3. It can therefore be expected that in future all of this type of tpt being collected from East coast vehicle parks will be used by Movement Control FOGGIA and will therefore take two days instead of one to return to the Gp.

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Raymond May F

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Subject: TransportTo :- 1st 3 DistrictArea 1 (AS)ITand

55 B.L.U.

Ref 46 - 55

23 Dec 44

1. Ref AMB 2(AS) Release Note VI/541 of 5 Dec 44 30 trucks 15art 4 x 2 on Class 10 (inter alia) were released to Combat at RUMBER.
2. Of the above vehicles only 16 have been collected, vehicle park 120000 informing the British HQ i/c of the collection that on orders from your HQ the issue of the balance of 14 trucks had been cancelled.
3. Please confirm that this balance of 14 trucks will be released to this HQ at a later date.

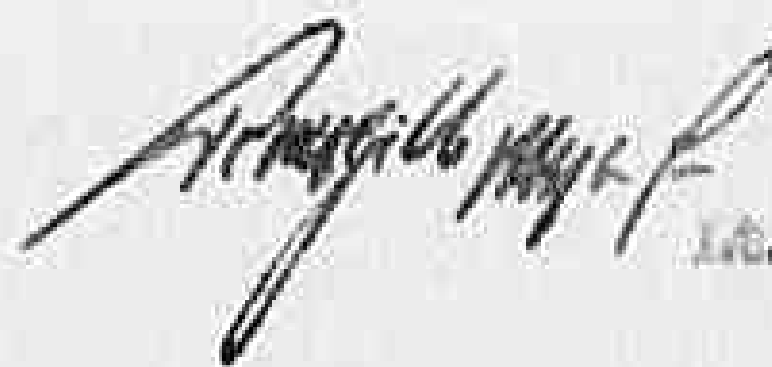
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Subject: APVTo: H. H. Gablet Group FORNARDat
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1. It is noticed that certain of the 4,1000 scale of the recently collected is being used without heading marks.
2. The majority of these vehicles have heading marks, marks for vehicles issued without them will be indicated for.
3. Damage to the lamp wiring will be caused by rain unless there is protection to the lamp either by glass or metal and without either of these the lamp reflector will soon weather and be useless. Certain modifications to marks can be carried out by your local signs unit, information re this modification can be obtained from RWS this H.
4. Please issue orders that marks must not be removed in future and all which have been removed must be replaced.


Lt. Col.
C. H.

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Subject: Transport

To : 1-1 HQ Combat Group WILSON

BT
HQS

1. Ref your 2402/Comm of 11 Dec.

2. A Mr HIA Whips unit will be moving into this area within the next ten days. One of the duties to be performed by this unit will be to reconnoiter old Mr tpt held by your Gp.

3. For this purpose it is desired to inspect the vehicles listed in para (c) of your above-mentioned letter and certain coordination of these vehicles may be necessary. It would be preferable if these particular vehicles could be concentrated in one area and authority for such ~~concentration~~, as is necessary, given.
coordination

4. Please arrange this matter with Captain Winton, HQ, this HQ.

Robert F. Winton
Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Ref 96 - 49
20 Dec 44

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22 DEC 194453 D.J.U.
Ref 09 - 30
20 Dec 44Subject: Collection of VehiclesTo :- Hq Combat Group FOLGONECopy - G II D Training Team (Inf)
A/O

1. The attached report by Major Fairweather (Training Team) is forwarded for information and action.
2. It discloses, especially as regards para 1 (b), a failure to carry out orders which have been precise as to time and detail.
3. It is felt that your Hq will realize as well as this Hq the importance of ensuring that all orders are obeyed in every detail, and that necessary action must be taken to prevent a recurrence of such failures as are disclosed in this report.

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22 DEC 1944

L. H. H. H.
Lt. Col.
G.S. *H. H. H.*

CFA

19. Training Team (Inf)

19 Dec 44

Subject: Collection of 24 men

To: Commanding Officer,
53 B.L.H.

The following are points arising out of the two recent collections of
Garrison:

1. First Collection

(a) Assumptions were made with Combat Group HQ for twenty carrier drivers, who had been on the Div Carrier Course, to report to us at the Grand Hotel, TUMBU, at 0700 hrs 12 Dec 44, and also Captain Roodini, two mechanics, one H, one Jeep with driver and one interpreter.

(b) At 0700 hrs 1 H, and four drivers reported, the remainder reported between 0730 and 0900 hrs, and the Jeep at 0840 hrs, but there was no intervention. Of the drivers from Mando only one had been on the Div Carrier Course, the remainder were very poor drivers.

(c) All Carriers reported to TUMBU by 0930 hrs. No accidents en route were caused by the inexperienced drivers from Mando.

2. Second Collection

(a) Captain Roodini, who has proved very reliable on all occasions, was asked to see Combat Group HQ and arrange all details, which I had given him. He assured me that he did this. I required the following personnel:-

Mando
4. Loyd drivers
? Universal drivers
1 H

San Marco
15 Loyd drivers
8 Universal drivers
Captain Roodini

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Revisions

1. Mechanic (Chosen by me (Loyd driver))
1 other mechanic

(b) 20 Loyd and Universal Carriers were to be collected. All personnel would report in necessary transport 1400 hrs 17 Dec 44 to Captain Roodini. The party reported to me on arrival at TUMBU less the following:-

One H, four Universal drivers from Mando and the mechanic chosen by me.

(c) Captain Roodini found replacements for the missing drivers before departing for TUMBU. The party consisted of the following:-

San Marco

(c) All Carriers reported to TUNNE by 2030 hrs. The accidents on route were caused by the inexperienced drivers from Mondo.

2. Vehicle Collection

(a) Captain Rucodini, who has proved very reliable on all occasions, was asked to see Cabo's Camp (H) and arrange all details, which I had given him. He assured me that he did this. I required the following personnel :-

Mondo
4 Loyd Drivers
7 Universal Drivers
1 H.

San Marco
15 Loyd Drivers
8 Universal Drivers
Captain Rucodini

Workshops
1 Mechanic (Chosen by me (Loyd driver))
1 other Mechanic

(b) 20 Loyd and Universal Carriers were to be collected. All personnel would report in necessary transport 1400 hrs 17 Dec 44. to Captain Rucodini. The party reported to me on arrival at PERMIT less the following :-

One H., four Universal Drivers from Mondo and the mechanic chosen by me.

(c) Captain Rucodini found replacements for the missing drivers before departing for PERMIT. The party consisted of the following :-

Mondo
4 Loyd Drivers
4 Universal Drivers
Workshops
1 Mechanic
1 Loyd driver mechanic

San Marco
15 Loyd Drivers
14 Universal Drivers
2 Universal Drivers (Reserve)

(d) One 15 car's truck returned to TUNNE from PERMIT without orders from me or Captain Rucodini and because of that and the lack of one H. it was impossible to control the convey.

(e) All vehicles arrived at TUNNE by 1200 hrs 18 Dec 44.

3. All the Carrier Drivers from San Marco appear to have been well instructed and were quite capable despite the short training they have received and drive well on both occasions. The drivers from Mondo, although much fewer in number, were far less capable or reliable.

4. Fifty-five Carriers remain to be collected on Thursday 21 Dec and Friday 22 Dec.

Dec./.....

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5. The organization of the collection has been left with Combat Group 100, suggestions regarding Recovery Section etc., having been given by Major Galt and myself.

(Signed) A.I. FAIRBANKS, .
Major, -
'B' Training Team (Inf)

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H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'

1 Sec. Op. Inf. Serv.
-----1627
22 DEC 1944

21 Dec 14.

2610/Serv di prot

Subject :- Dodge Lorry 3 ton L 5607134
(Ref A2/A6 - 52 of todays date)

To :- 53 B.L.U.

1. The above mentioned lorry is at present parked in 676 English Recovery Park, Capua.
2. This vehicle will be returned by this Park to the Workshop of this Combat Group as per direct arrangements made by an officer sent by this Command.
3. The transportation of the vehicle, according to the arrangements, should have taken place today, but up till now (1800 hrs) it has not arrived at the Workshop.

(Signed) G.F. Cargini.

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22 DEC 1944

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM
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Originator

Date-Time of Origin

53rd Combat Engineer Bn

24 March

For Action

TO

(W) For information (INFO)

HQ 53rd Combat Eng Bn

ST CAMP ROME

Message Instructions

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23156-53 HQ 53rd Combat Eng Bn 24 March 1954
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HQ COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE
1 Sec Op Inf Serv

2603/S

Subject: Collection of Tpt at LUCERA

To :- 53 B.L.U.

20 Dec 44

1623
21 DEC 1944

1. As per arrangements made with BLU on 18 Dec, 50 drivers were sent to LUCERA to collect vehicles.

Throughout the whole day only 10 vehicles of the convoy have arrived at TELESE. The remaining lorries had to be used, by order of the Allied military authority, to carry forage to CAPUA.

2. On the 19 Dec another 50 drivers were sent to LUCERA for the same reason. The return of the convoy of new vehicles which were expected tonight has not yet been completed.

From information sent by the convoy commander it appears that the vehicles, by order of Movements Control, FOGGIA, have been employed for transporting straw from FOGGIA to CAPUA. The convoy commander expects that the convoy will arrive at TELESE late tomorrow evening, 21 Dec.

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20 DEC 1944
(Signed) G. F. Cangini

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21 DEC 1944

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TO : - 6 VEH GP 37 VEH COY

INFO 53 BLU

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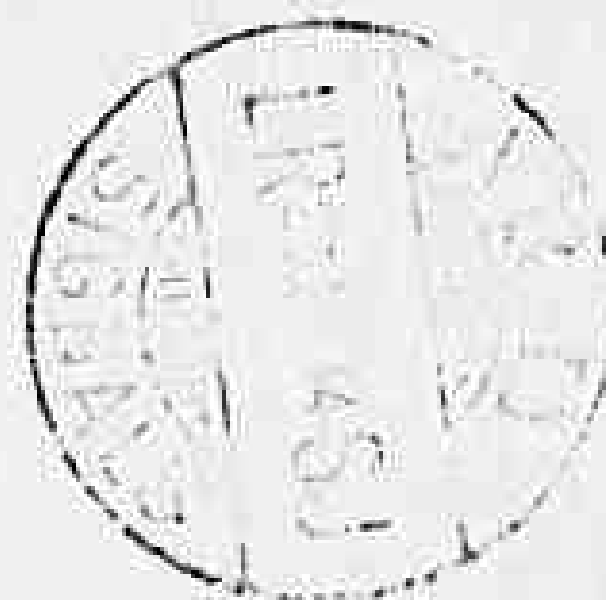
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FROM OG 6 VEH GROUP 37 VEHICLE COY RADC CMF 20----

TO 53 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

GR --- OQY BF

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BY 66/62/387 DATED 16 DECEMBER INTENDED FOR
ANOTHER UNIT C.S. PLEASE CANCEL ALL REFERENCE C.S.

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FROM OG 6 VEH GROUP 37 VEH COY RAOC CMF

TO DISTHREED (ATTENTION S/:CAPT 'Q')

INFO 53 B L U

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QOX 1222 ---



OS/6G/62/392C.) RESTRICTED (.) REF YOUR QG 2021 DATED 14 (.)

COPY OF C CAED 562 HELD IN THIS OFFICE DOES NOT

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CONFIRM CORRECT AUTHORITY QUOTED IN YOUR MESSAGE AND

INFORM OF FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED

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~~RETRNS 114 2 6 37 '++' S/CAPT 'Q'~~

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~~SENT D . W . A . B . 1~~

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53 BLU

1590 Q6

20 DEC 1944

Subject :- British Vehicles held by
3rd and 4th Italian Combat Cos

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSTelc No. Freedom 12.AFHQ/CMH/1/4(AB)18 Dec 44H.Q. No. 5 DistrictNo copy
to 3 B.L.U.

Reference is made to Signal from 52 B.L.U. 44/1 dated 13 Dec 44.

1. Vehicles enumerated in this signal will be held against the H.Q. of the 3rd Italian Combat Group. All other vehicles held surplus will be returned to R.V.P. forthwith.
2. Please expedite return from 52 B.L.U.

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DIT/AM

20 DEC 1944

DM Toon left.
 D.H. Toon, Captain,
 for Major General, G-4(B).

Copy to : 52 B.L.U.
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H.Q. Combat Group Folgore
1 Sec. Op. Inf. Serv.

2522/Serv.

Subject: Vehicles Newly Assigned.

To: - 53 B.L.U.

1547
18 DEC 44
16 Dec. 44

1428/ab
Further to our 2498/Serv of 14 Dec. 44.

On the attached document we communicate the identification numbers, and the names of the units to which are assigned the vehicles that arrived on the 14 & 15 Dec from CAPUA and BARI respectively.

We inform you that the tracked vehicles whose identification numbers are attached are not yet assigned to the units.

Signed - G.F. Cangani.

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HQ COMBAT GROUP FOLGORTRANSLATION2/05/Serv15 Dec 44
15390
18 DEC 1944Subject: Withdrawal of Tracked VehiclesTo :- HQ NEMBO Regt
HQ SAN MARCO Regt
HQ Workshops
Gp HQ

For Infm - 53 BLU

1. On Monday 18 Dec the collection of tracked vehicles from the Allied Depot, FORTICI, will be continued.

2. Ref the above, addressees are requested to place at the disposal of this HQ the undermentioned personnel.

NEMBO Regt

- 7 Soldiers, able to drive Loyd Carriers.
- 8 Soldiers, able to drive Bren Carriers.
- 1 Lorry, for the transport of the above personnel.

SAN MARCO Regt

- 13 Soldiers able to drive Loyd Carriers.
- 8 Soldiers able to drive Bren Carriers.
- 1 Lorry for the transport of the above personnel.

Workshops

- 2 Driver Mechanics able to drive both types of vehicles.

H.Q.

- 1 Motor-cyclist (Paratrooper MARI)

3. The a/m personnel will be outside HQ SAN MARCO Regt, AMOROSI, at the disposal of Capt Brancchini, SAN MARCO Regt, at 1330 hrs Sunday 17 Dec.

4. All personnel will have with them two days rations and blankets.

5. All drivers selected for the driving of the vehicles must be trustworthy.

(Signed) G. F. Cangini.

Subject: Transport

To :- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

 D Training Team (Inf)
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18 Dec 44

53 B.L.U.
 Ref Q6 - 43
 18 Dec 44

1. Herewith as Appx 'A' particulars of tpt released to your Gp under AMTC (AE) release note Ref VR/716 of 13 Dec.
2. The programme for the arrival of this tpt in your Mechanical Engineers Unit lines is as follows.

	Vehicles from 9 Vehicles Park CAFUA.	Vehicles from 2 Vehicle Gp, BARI (ex 412 Vehicle Pk, LUCERA)
P.M. 19 Dec	54	50
P.M. 20 Dec	54	50
P.M. 21 Dec	-	50
P.M. 22 Dec	-	52

TOTAL: 310 Vehicles.

In addition eight trailers will be collected from the above vehicle parks and return with the above convoys.

3. It will be seen from the above programme that it is essential that as many vehicles as possible are passed through your Mechanical Engineers Unit to other Gp units, in order to avoid the Mechanical Engineers being swamped with tpt. The minimum figure is 75 vehicles a day.

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4. In addition to the above tpt it is confirmed that 15 Carriers universal and 20 Carriers LOXD will be arriving on the evening of 18 Dec. Your HQ will be informed of the distribution of this tpt to units after consultation between your trg staff and D Trg Team (Inf). It is considered essential that these carriers are distributed prior to 1600 hrs 19 Dec.

5. A further release of 55 Carriers is expected towards the end of this week.

6. Please inform this HQ of distribution of tpt as by Appx 'A' to Gp units prior to the arrival of tpt convoy p.m. 19 Dec.

Lt. Col.
 G. S.

Appx 'A' to 53 BLU letter
 Ref. Q6 - 43 of 18 Dec. 44.

Qty.	Description of Vehicle.		From.
8	Cars 5 cwt 4x4	Cl.I	9 VP CAPUA
30	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	Cl.I	2 VGp BARI
6	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Water	Cl.I D	2 VGp BARI
5	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 W/T	Cl.I	9 VP CAPUA
2	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 W/T	Cl.I D	9 VP CAPUA
3	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Compressor	Cl.I	9 VP CAPUA
30	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	Cl.I D	9 VP CAPUA
50	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	Cl.I	9 VP CAPUA
1	Lorry 3 ton 4x4 B/Down	Cl.I	2 VGp BARI
1	Lorry 3 ton 4x2 W/Shops RASC	Cl.I	2 VGp BARI
20	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Stores	Cl.I	2 VGp BARI
	(in lieu 10 Lorries 6 ton Stores)		
7	Tractors 4x4 A/Tank	Cl.I	2 VGp BARI
10	Tractors 4x4 FA	Cl.I	9 VP CAPUA
2	Trailers 15 cwt Water	Cl.I D	2 VGp BARI
1	Trailer 10 cwt GS	Cl.I	2 VGp BARI
1	Trailer 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton Lt Recovery	Cl.I D	2 VGp BARI

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FROM OC 6 VEH GRP 37 VEHICLE COY RAOC CMF 16.21.00

TO 53 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT CMF

INFO DADOS 3 DISTRICT

QOX GR ---- BT

OS/66/62/386. RESTRICTED. VEHICLES RELEASED TO YOU ON

QOXED 641 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION ON TUESDAY

19TH DEC FROM 412 VEHICLE PARK LUCERA.

BT 16.21.00

RPTNS 1 P 1 6 37 162100 53 3 6 62/385 641 19 412 162100

SENT NR 1 POC20A CFS BT

18 DEC 1944

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LRESJ V LASE NR 2 P

FROM OG 6 VEH GRP 37 VEHICLE COY RAOC CMF 162100

TO 53 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT CMF

QDX GR --- BT

OS/EG/62/387. RESTRICTED. REFERENCE YOUR ADC/344 DATED

13. UNABLE TO TRACE VEHICLE REFERRED TO.

PLEASE QUOTE RELEVANT AFHQ AUTHORITY.

BT 162100

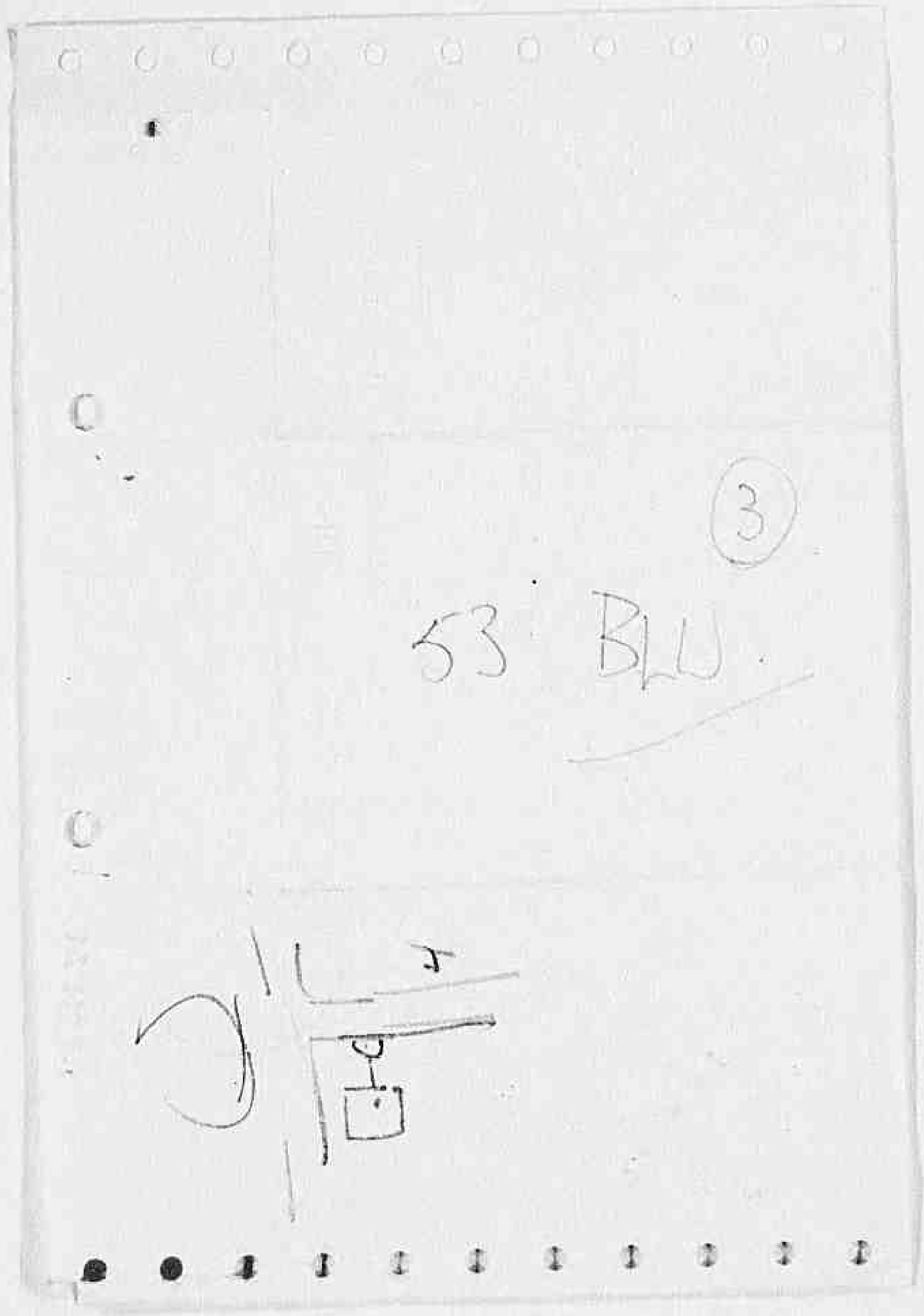
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Following enclosed you to 17011000 920

combat group ex 12 vehicle Park

Part 11510. General carriers 9ly 35

carriers tracked today 9ly 20.

Had complete general 11/18/50 release

make H 1798

REF HQ TX 64711 of 7 to refer

PORTIC 10 Annual arrived July 25

arrived attached today July 20

What is available arrived 8/18/8207 release

note 8/17/98

MPHR 8/16/78 of 7 to refers

This Message will NOT be distributed
outside DRI's and other Department's
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Subject: Tpt.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLKOR.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. Q6 - 42
16 Dec. 42

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1. Ref your 2455/E.M. of 14 Dec.
2. It is regretted that no additional Ex personnel can be despatched with the advance parties sent to vehicle parks to collect this tpt.
3. However there is no reason why a small advance party of Italian personnel including fitters etc from your Mechanical Engineers Unit should not accompany these advance parties as indeed has been done on occasions in the past. These men could then attend to any running repairs necessary either in the vehicle park or during the return journey.

Anthony M. F.
Lt. Col.
G.S.

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LRSJ V LRA NR -843 T 53 BLU

FROM DC 412 ORB VEHHPARK 37 VEH COY RAOC

TO NO4 ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

412
~~REF~~/ADMIN/19/48

16 DEC 1944

REF VEHICLE RELEASE AUTHORITY QCAED 641 . ~~PLEASE~~

~~PLEASE~~ PLEASE LIAISE WITH THIS OFFICE RE DATE ^{OF} ~~OF~~ COLLECTION .

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REPTNS 7843 53 BLU 412 37 412/ADMIN/19/48 641

SENT NR 7843 6647 GI AR KK

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53 BL1

I.Q. COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE

1 Sez. Op. Inf. Serv.
-----TRANSLATION.

14 Dec 44.

15 DEC 1944

2465/S.M. di prot.

Subject :- Collecting of newly assigned transport.

To :- 53 B.L.U.

Various difficulties have been found in the collection of newly assigned vehicles and in the movement of the convoys as is known by the above BLU.

This HQ is taking strict measures against personnel found responsible.

There have however been some difficulties which cannot be attributed to the personnel sent for collection but are due mainly to :-

- difficulty in starting the motors.
- failure of the feeding pumps to work.
- motors not working on all cylinders through the ignition not working properly.

This could be eliminated, it seems to this Command, if the motors of the vehicles destined to the Combat Group were tested the day before collection.

We ask the above BLU to kindly co-operate in making any propositions about this matter so as to share any opinion with this HQ.

We thank you.

*It appears that the attached parties sent by us should be increased by a list of
Armored Personnel.*

(Signed)

G.F. Cangani.

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3512/GHQP/12-43

19 DEC 1944

LRSJ V HEDY NR 140678 QVR2

FROM DISTHREE 141650A

TO 4 VEH GP
INFO 53 BLU~~INFO 53 BLU~~

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QG2022. RESTRICTED . 53 BLU COLLECTED FOLLOWING

MC FROM 9 VEH PK IN ERROR MC NORTON

C4591700 C 4591805. REQUEST YOU NOTIFY

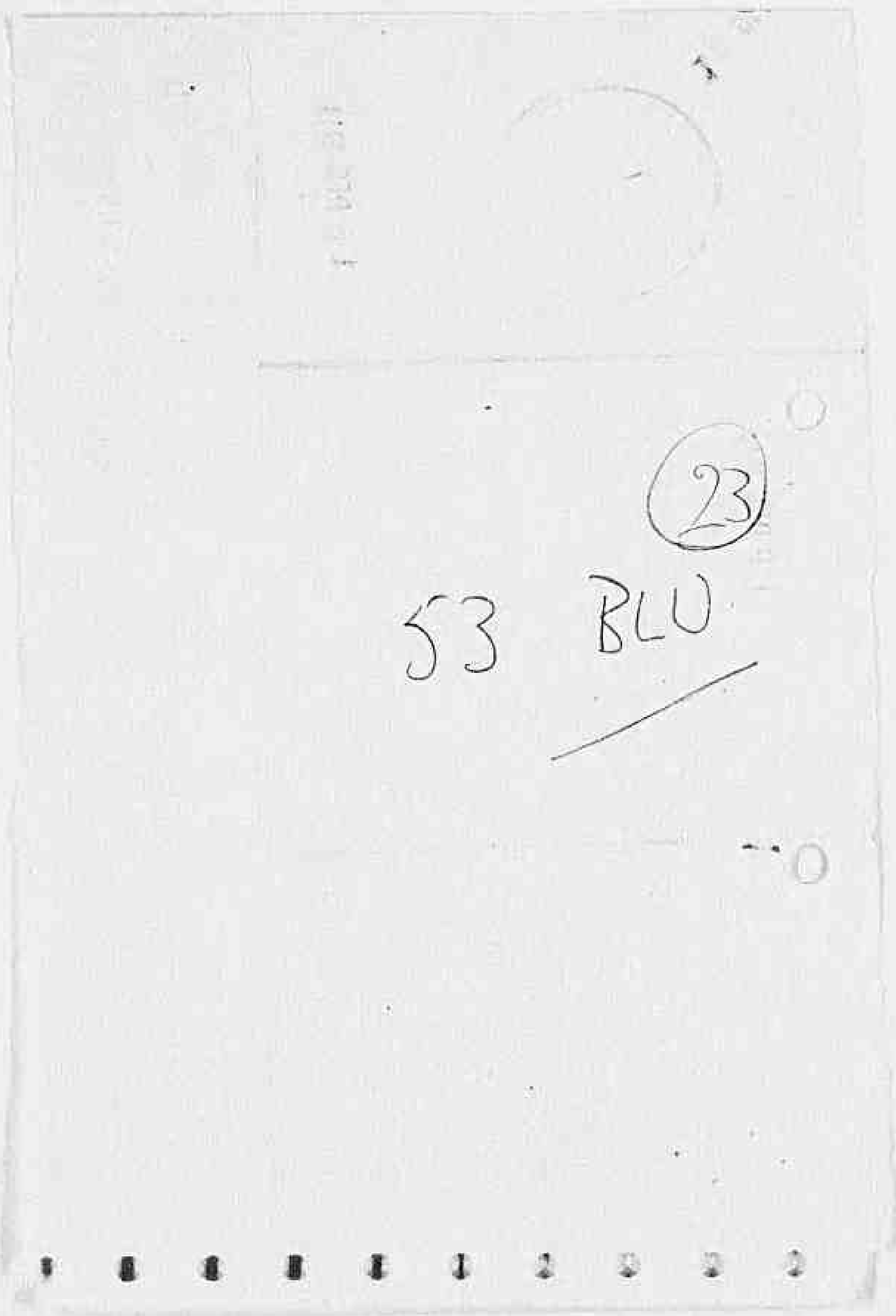
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15 DEC 1944

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LRS. V MEDY NR 140676 QVR2

FROV DISTHREE 141650A

TO 2 VEH GP 37 VEH COY P

INFO 53 BLU

QQX GR 40

QG2021. RESTRICTED . 53 BLU REPORT THAT

MC CL 1 QTY 1 WAS NOT RELEASED BY 8 VEH PK

ON RELEASE A 1638 VR/562 WITH OTHER VEHs

DUE TO NON-AVAILABILITY .

THIS NOT UNDERSTOOD . REQUEST YOU INFORM UNIT

IMMEDIATELY MC AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

THI 1740

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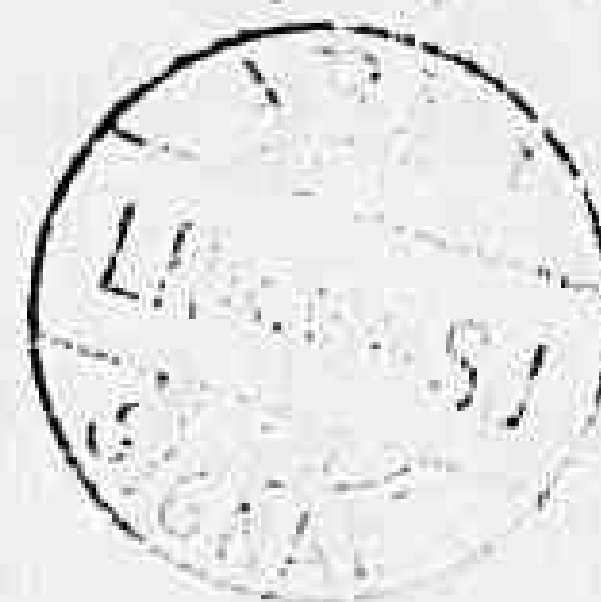
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15 DEC.

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*These info has been
collected 18/12/44*

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3632/CHQP/12-43

15 DEC 1944

TRANSLATION

HQ COMBAT GROUP FOLCORE

1 Sez Op Inf Serv

2103/S.M.

10 Dec 44

11 DEC 1944

Subject: Instructions on the Use of Allied TransportTo: - All Services and Dependent Units

For Inf: 33 BCU Training Officer (Ref DTH/7)

Further to our 2297/SM of 5 Dec.

1. The tpt which has been newly distributed will be employed only for duties within the Combat Gr billeting area. The traffic posts have received orders to stop any vehicles of the aforesaid category which present themselves to go out of the area, and report them to this HQ.

2. The said vehicles should be placed in the charge of fully-trained drivers; in time the courses now taking place at the Driving School will provide drivers considered as having completed their course, but needing more practice. Two or three of these men will be given charge of a vehicle in order to perfect themselves.

3. The running-in period of the vehicles, it must be understood, is to be considered, and therefore, under no circumstance, must they exceed the maximum speeds laid down in 2379/Serv. As regards the tpt used by the Driving School, checking up on the perfect working order of the various parts of the vehicles will be frequently carried out. (In particular, changing oil every 500km and verifying oil level, transmission, and differential gears.)

4. Ack.

814
11 DEC 1944

(Signed) G.F. Cangiari

He didn't know what he is talking about. He was changing oil every 500 km. Gome outside the area went the way back. The thing is to be sure to change oil every 500 km. They are drivers. They are going to be drivers. And they are kept to be and checked. They are kept to be and checked. They are kept to be and checked. They are kept to be and checked.

Q Ref attached

1. 2379/ Ser is a translation of our G9-15 dated 1/12

2. 2297/SM dated 5/12 is a long dissertation by Cangui about parking of new vehicles, etc. Draining radiators and washing hard standings in truck lines

3. I think in the attached letter he is mentioning of the initial oil change at 500 miles

313

Correct oil changes are: Initial, all vehs - 500 mi.

1st or under capacity - 2000

Over 1st capacity - 3000

4. UMI recommended all other B.O's to tell Gruppo to change all oil at 2000 to avoid confusion.

I think this is a
good idea and suggest
we do the same

APD
18/12

HQ Combat Group FOLGORE
1 Sec. Op. Inf. Serv.

1428
12 Dec. 44.

2498/Serv di prot

Subject: List of distribution to dependent units of
Motor Cycles had from the 9 VP Canua.

To :- 53 B.L.U.

1256 14 DEC 1944

Further to 2423/Serv of 9 Dec. 44.

M/c	Matchless	C.4992107	Tpt Unit
"	"	C.4993351	- do -
"	"	C.4940028	314 Provost Section
"	"	C.4837511	315 "
"	Ariel	C.4850542	Engrs Bn

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Signed - G.F. Cargini.

Q Combat Group FOLGORE.
1 Sec. Op. Inf. Serv.

2440/Serv di prot

Subject: Fuel

To :- 53 B.L.U.

11 Dec.44

Ref. Q6 - 37 of 5 Dec.44.

We assure that as far as possible for cooking by dependent units, use will be made of reserves of local wood, and in the use of Derv oil for the same purpose, the maximum economy will be observed, in accordance with the orders given by the above B.L.U.

Signed - G.F. Cangini.

Subject: British vehicles held by German SD agents

To: NY 5 District

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District

55 D.I.C.
Ref 65 - 44
11 Dec 44

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1. Ref your letter 6546, of 4 Dec 44.
2. Herewith are Appx 'A' the information required by your ltr.

Robert M. F.
Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Ref: to 55 RII letter
Ref: to 51 dated 11 Dec 64

Type of Vehicle	No. of vehicles which can be held against A.S. by type.	No. of vehicles available for use on training.	No. of vehicles beyond local repair.
Car 4 x 4 Ford		6	
10 ac vehicles, Austin			6
10 ac Ford		2	1
" " Chevrolet		1	1
" " Dodge		1	
" " Dodge		1	
15 ac water pump		2	
15 ac water pump		1	
15 ac water pump		3	3
" " Bedford		3	1
" " Dodge		3	3
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Subject: 12000

1. Current Group (MILITARY)

2. Training Team (MILITARY)

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1. The following list is released to your location by and is awaiting collection:-

Overseas University	37	12.00000000, 12.00000000
Overseas University, India	38	- 12.00000000

2. At present the suggested programme for the collection of as many of these vehicles as possible is as follows:-

- 12.000 Advance party under order of Major A. I. Indurath, 0 Training Team (MILITARY) leaves this 12.000 for 12.00000000.
- 13.000 Indian drivers, to drive vehicles from 12.00000000 to 12.00000000, leave this 13.000 and on arrival at 12.00000000 take over vehicles.
- 14.000 Group leaves 12.00000000 and returns to 12.00000000 on 14.00000000.

3. The limiting factor on the number of vehicles collected will be the number of drivers per 12.00000000. At present it is not expected that more than 50 of the above vehicles will be collected on 14.00000000.

4. Further instructions on this collection will be given on 14.00000000.

Alfred W. F.

12.00000000
12.00000000

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Subject: G. 1098 Tpt.

To :-

4th. 5 District

ADP. 4(AS)

2 Vehicle Park Camp.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. 46 - 40
10 Dec. 44

1379
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1. Ref ADP. 4(AS) release note VI/562 of 27 Nov. and your release note A 1633 of 29 Nov. 44.
2. Tpt released by the above notes has now been collected by Combat Group POLBORNS with the following exception.

M/c Solo 350 cc Class I - 1
3. 8 Vehicle Park stated that the above M/c was not available when the other tpt released on above notes was collected.
4. Please inform this HQ if a further release for this M/c is required and if you will give instruction re the collection of another M/c.
5. In error the under mentioned M/cs were collected from 2 Vehicle Park and will be returned as soon as possible.

M/c combination Norton RD No. G.4591700
G.4591805

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Raymond M. F. Lt. Col.
G.S.

TRANSLATION.

H.Q. COMBAT GROUP POLGORE.

1 Sec. Op Int Serv.

2402 Serv.

Subject:- British Transport of old assignment.

To:- 53 B.L.U. (Ref Q10-12) ← 1285

11 Dec 44

1 DEC 1944

(a) British vehicles (old distribution) that can be used by the dependent units for completing W.E.

Dodge 3 ton ----- No 4. (of transport Unit)

(b) British vehicles (old distribution) that can be distributed and used as training vehicles.

Jeeps Willy-----	No 6.
Ford 2	No 2.
Chevrolet	No 1.
Morris 2	No 1.
Dodge 2	No 1.
Dodge 3 tons	No 39.
Bedford 3 tons	No 5.
Dodge water bowzers 150wt.	No 2.
" " " 3 ton.	No 5.
Austin motor ambulance.	No 7.
Motor cycle Triumph.	No 9.
Motor cycle B.S.A.	No 1.
Motor cycle Matchless.	No 3.
Ford tractor	No 1.

(c) British traffic (old distribution) no longer usable, because irreparable.

Austin utilities.	No 6.
Ford 8V.	No 1.
Morris 2	No 1.
Dodge 3 tons.	No 3.
Bedford 3 tons.	No 1.
Water bowzers Dodge 3 ton.	No 1.
Austin Motor Ambulances.	No 3.
Triumph Motor cycle.	No 2.
B.S.A. Motor cycle.	No 1.

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12 DEC 1944

(signed) G.H. Gargini.

83 HAH Regt WLS.
 Pvt Sam Giorgio and after
 Kilo 277 turn left immediately
 before the bridge. Suggest send 15 Dodge 3 tons to start with

vehicles must not remain idle. A minimum of at least 100 miles a month must be done by all new vehicles and not more than 1000 miles a month except under exceptional circumstances. If these circumstances arise the CC is the only officer in the unit to authorize any additional mileage. A minimum mileage per vehicle is wanted to keep it in a 1000 condition, a vehicle standing out in all positions without running, usually deteriorates. It is also essential that drivers should not to have their vehicle thoroughly and to this end it is from one more driver in and to than vehicle when 3 to 4 of these drivers who have passed through the driving school should be assigned to one vehicle to gain for their experience in driving by day or night and in between a new vehicle will be replaced.

5. Except on two occasions and special license and unit number and divisional signs no unauthorized painting on vehicles will be done without your permission.

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6. The following points are again brought to your notice :-

(a) All vehicles must be sent into 1400, or design for certain assignments to be done after 1 by 1000 completed 550 miles.

(b) Exhaust pipes and silencers must not be removed or modified.

(c) No tampering with vehicle gearboxes is allowed. There may only be adjustment by your mechanical engineers etc.

7. The present arrangement by which new vehicles are allowed to unit is by your unit and the allotment confirmed by this HQ appears to be most satisfactory. Any subsequent transfer of these vehicles from one unit to another however can only be conducted after this HQ has been informed.

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1st. Maj.
C.S.

1960 4 x 2 Wagon
10 hp V8
1960 4 x 2 Wagon

1960 4 x 2 Wagon
10 hp V8

2. In view of representations by you dated 19 Nov. 30 agreeing that there are certain errors in the number of vehicles of the type shown which are held by your Co. This is broken out as follows:

3. A return has been called for by 3 District by 12 Dec. showing 1-

- (a) The number of vehicles which are to be held against 1000 W types
(b) The balance available for re-allocation on any vehicles W types.

4. Service of this will give every assistance in selecting this type.

5. Finally, might the return requested in para 3 by 1200 hrs 10 Dec. 40.

August 1960
Col.
U.S.

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L 5687090
 L 3321886
 L 5391325
 L 3691293
 L 5316513
 L 5322100
 L 5675777
 L 5691320
 L 5675270
 L 5675435
 L 5675274
 L 5675348
 L 5675531
 L 5675634
 L 5689464
 L 5675216
 L 5689436
 L 5691314
 L 5689345
 L 5691250
 L 5691315
 L 5691265
 L 5691307
 L 5616535
 L 5675337
 L 5675072
 L 5675524
 L 5322329
 L 5675329
 L 5691235
 L 5691312
 L 5675134
 L 5691308
 L 5616552
 L 6412886
 L 6613261

Nembo Regt.
 " "

No. 1 Artillery Group
 " "

No. 2 Artillery Group
 " "

No. 3 Artillery Group
 " "

No. 4 Artillery Group
 " "

No. 6 Artillery Group
 " "

San Marco Regt. (workshops)
 " " " "

Ordnance Depot
 " "

314th. Provost Section
 G. H. Q.

315th. Provost Section
 Workshops

Medical Section

516th. Field Hospital

517th. Field Hospital

H.Q. Combat Group Folgore
1 Sec. Op. Inf. Serv.

2423/Serv di prot

9 Dec. 44

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29 DEC 1944

Subject: Transport newly assigned.

To :- 53 B.L.U.

Ref. AQ/Q19 - 1 dated 9 Dec. 44. 1255

Further to our 2419/Serv today's date, we furnish the WD Nos. of motor-cycles that came on 2 - 3 ton lorries from 9 VP CAPUA.

M/c solo Matchless	WD No. C.4995351	ST
" " "	" C.4992107	ST
" " "	" C.4940028	Pro
" " "	" C.4837511	Pro
M/c solo Ariel	" C.4850542	Pro
M/c combination Norton	" C.4591700	
" " "	" C.4591805	

29 DEC 1944

May we point out that the said motor cycles have not been handed over in the consignment to the Italian personnel in charge of the collecting, but were found on arrival at the workshops Telese inside two 3-ton Dodges.

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The 5 m/cs solo are in a poor condition.

Signed - G.F. Cangani.

H.Q. Combat Group Folgore.

1 Sec. Op. Inf. Serv.

2419/Serv.

9 Dec. 44

Subject: Transport newly assigned.

To :- 53 B.L.U.

We forward as attached list, the required details in regard to transport had from the English parks at Capua and Bari.

Signed - G.F. Cangani.

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9 DEC 1944

TRANSLATION

"2"

Combat Group Folgore.

List of transport had from the English park at BARI but not yet assigned to Units.

Dodge 15 Gwt.

Z 5509470
Z 5337308
Z 5508799
Z 5337954
Z 5509480
Z 5336790
Z 5337584
Z 5509462
Z 5335755
Z 5509016
Z 5335773
Z 5338762
Z 5335745
Z 6335378
Z 5337273
Z 5336290
Z 5337961
Z 5335326
Z 5311416
Z 5337301
Z 5336794
Z 5509010
Z 5509005
Z 5338668
Z 5338465
Z 5338469
Z 5335350
Z 5338752
Z 5319149
Z 5335754
Z 5338738
Z 5335413
Z 5335328
Z 5337270
Z 5625958
Z 5508986
Z 5508987

Dodge 15 cwt Water Tankers.

Z 5625819
Z 5625846
Z 5625833
Z 5625844
Z 5625829

Austin Ambulances.

A 1210001
A 5417884
A 1212259
A 1209144

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ARMY FORM 21-16 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Srl. No.

Priority

Trans

mission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A)	Originator	Date-Time of Origin
53	Bombardment Group	051535Z
For Action		
H.Q. Bombardment Group		
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)	
ST.	ORD. REME.	

OFFICE DATE STAMP

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

Ref. the HQ Bomb G-15 of 4 Dec 44.
 Coming to you via the HQ Bomb G-15 of 4 Dec 44.
 The Tpt. will be used to your camp on 7 Dec. and will
 report to you regarding the HQ Bomb G-15 of 4 Dec 44.
 The Tpt. will be used to your camp on 7 Dec. and will
 report to you regarding the HQ Bomb G-15 of 4 Dec 44.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

WIRELESS

SIGNED

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

SIGNED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

Time

System

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Time cleared

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Subject: Collection of G-1095 Vehicles.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. 96 - 35
4 Dec 44

To: H.Q. Combat Gp FOLGORE

1. The following G-1095 scale of tpt has been released to the Combat Gp and to this HQ and is available for collection at the Vehicle Park or Group as shown below:

No.	Vehicle Park or Group	Released to
6	9 Vehicle Park CAPUA	Combat Gp FOLGORE
4	"	
40	"	
4	2 Vehicle Gp BARI	Released to 53 B.L.U.
40	"	
5	"	
6	9 Vehicle Park CAPUA	Released to 53 B.L.U.
2	"	
3	"	
3	"	
2	"	
1	2 Vehicle Gp BARI	

2. It is desired to collect this tpt as soon as possible and for this purpose it is intended to send small advance parties to the vehicle park and gp arriving there at least 24 hrs before the main body of your Gp drivers. It will be the duty of these advance parties to arrange that on the arrival of your Gp drivers two tpt which is to be collected can be driven off in convoy with the minimum delay. Information as to the constitution of these advance parties and instructions to the senior NOO of these parties are as by Appx 'A' attached.

3. Kindly arrange for the Italian personnel and tpt for these advance parties to report as shown in Appx 'A'.

4. The procedure to be adopted re the taking over the tpt for your Gp by your personnel at the vehicle park or group are as by Appx 'B' attached, together with suggested instructions re convoy discipline to be observed on the journey from the park or group to TELESE.

5. Re the collection of the tpt released to this HQ instructions for its collection are contained in Appx 'C' attached.

6. This HQ has been informed that all vehicles will be handed over with tool cases sealed, these seals will not be tampered with till they are checked by your Mech Engr Wksp staff. All deficiencies of tools will be submitted to this HQ within 48 hrs of the vehicle being issued to one of your units - information as to the WD number from which the tools were missing, will be given.

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2. It is desired to collect this tpt as soon as possible and for this purpose it is intended to send small advance parties to the vehicle park and Gp arriving there at least 24 hrs before the main body of your Gp drivers. It will be the duty of these advance parties to arrange that on the arrival of your Gp drivers the tpt which is to be collected can be driven off in convoy with the minimum delay. Information as to the constitution of these advance parties and instructions to the senior NCO of these parties are as by Appx 'A' attached.
3. Kindly arrange for the Italian personnel and tpt for these advance parties to report as shown in Appx 'A'.
4. The procedure to be adopted re the taking over the tpt for your Gp by your personnel at the vehicle park or group are as by Appx 'B' attached, together with suggested instructions re convoy discipline to be observed on the journey from the park or group to TELESE.
5. Re the collection of the tpt released to this HQ instructions for its collection are contained in Appx 'C' attached.
6. This HQ has been informed that all vehicles will be handed over with tool cases sealed, these seals will not be tampered with till they are checked by your Mech Engr Wksp staff. All deficiencies of tools will be submitted to this HQ within 48 hrs of the vehicle being issued to one of your units - information as to the VD number from which the tools were missing, will be given.
7. This HQ will be informed by 1830 hrs daily of the VD numbers of all G.1098 scale tpt which has arrived in your wksp during the previous 24 hrs, the VD number of all this tpt issued to your Gp units and the units receiving the tpt, and the VD numbers of all this Tpt awaiting issue to Gp units. It is essential that this information is rendered accurately and promptly.
8. The route to be followed by those returning convoys will be via BENEVENTO and PONTE - the diversion at PONTE being considered safer than the ALEROSA railway bridge.
9. It is essential that adequate Pro personnel accompany these convoys and that further Pro personnel man the convoy route particularly to PONTE diversion.
10. It is considered that the CARIA convoy should arrive in this area at approximately 1700 hrs 6 Dec. and the BARI convoy not earlier than 1700 hrs 8 Dec.
11. It is understood that the tpt released to your Gp will be driven direct to your Mech Engr's wksp for checking of tools, vehicles, and vehicle books prior to proceeding to your units. It is expected that this checking must be done thoroughly but with all possible speed as in future it may not be possible to give more than 24 hrs between the arrival of one convoy or 50 IFF and the next of similar size.

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Raymond H. J. St. Col.

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Appx 'A' to 53 BU letter
Ref Q6 - 35 of 4 Dec. 44

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NCOs I/C ADVANCE PARTIES TO ARRANGE FOR COLLECTION OF TPT

1. Advance parties to arrange for the collection of tpt as shown in para 1 of this letter will be constituted as follows :-

Advance party to proceed to
9 Vehicle Park CAPUA,

NCO i/c Cpl Adams
Dvr Andrews
Cpl Major Jessel

53 BU
53 BU
Italian Increment
to 53 BU

Advance party to proceed to
2 Vehicle Gp BARI,

NCO i/c Cpl Smith
Cpl Washer

53 BU
53 BU

One driver	} Provided by Combat Gp FOLGORE	Two drivers	} Provided by Combat Gp FOLGORE
Tpt 1 5ton lorry with cover 1 i/c		Tpt 1 3ton lorry with cover 1 i/c	

2. CAPUA advance party will take 43 hrs rations and BARI advance party will take 3 days rations. All personnel will take bedding and will make their own arrangements to cook.

3. Both parties will be assembled and will leave this HQ at 0815 hrs 5 Dec.

4. NCO i/c advance parties will be in possession of AF B. 103 and AFHQ and 3 District release notes in respect of all tpt shown in para 1 of this letter. These releases will be collected from Ord this HQ at 1830 hrs 4 Dec.

5. Advance parties will proceed to the Vehicle Park or Gp in question and will make the necessary arrangements to enable the Italian drivers who will arrive approx 24 hrs after the arrival of these advance parties to drive the released vehicles from the Park or Gp with the minimum of delay.

6. This will involve (inter alia) seeing that all vehicles filled with oil, petrol and water, and are in full running order.

7. This HQ has been informed that vehicles will be issued with sealed tool boxes or sealed tool bags, these seals will not be broken.

8. Within 24 hrs of the arrival of the advance party at the Park or Gp the main body of Italian drivers with an officer in command will contact the NCO i/c advance party, and the vehicles to which the Combat Gp are entitled will be vouchered over to this officer with sealed tool boxes or sealed tool bags.

2. CAPUA advance party will take 43 hrs rations and BARI advance party will take 3 days rations. All personnel will take bedding and will make their own arrangements for cooking.
3. Both parties will be assembled and will leave this HQ at 0815 hrs 5 Dec.
4. HQ i/c advance parties will be in possession of AF B. 108 and AFHQ and 3 District release notes in respect of all tpt shown in para 1 of this letter. These releases will be collected from Ord this HQ at 1830 hrs 4 Dec.
5. Advance parties will proceed to the Vehicle Park or Gp in question and ⁷⁹¹³ make the necessary arrangements to enable the Italian drivers who will arrive approx 24 hrs after the arrival of these advance parties to drive the released vehicles from the Park or Gp with the minimum of delay.
6. This will involve (inter alia) seeing that all vehicles filled with oil, petrol and water, and are in full running order.
7. This HQ has been informed that vehicles will be issued with sealed tool boxes or sealed tool bags, these seals will not be broken.
8. Within 24 hrs of the arrival of the advance party at the Park or Gp the main body of Italian drivers with an officer in command will contact the HQ i/c advance party, and the vehicles to which the Combat Gp are entitled will be vouchered over to this officer with sealed tool boxes or sealed tool bags.
9. The HQ i/c advance party to BARI will further :-
 - (a) arrange that the trailer Water CL.I released to this HQ is towed back to this HQ by one of the Italian vehicles,
 - (b) arrange that a guide is sent by 2 Vehicle Gp, BARI to lead the Italian driver convoy to the vehicle park from which the vehicles are to be drawn.
10. Further the HQ i/c advance party at CAPUA will be responsible for bringing the vehicles released to this HQ back in convoy. These vehicles will be brought direct to the parking area in rear of this HQ and not to the Mech Enger Wkshps of this Combat Gp. Instructions as by A7PX 'C'.
11. Advance parties will not be responsible for conveying tpt released to the Combat Gp from the Park or Gp to this area. They will however give every assistance where possible to the Italian personnel engaged on this duty.
12. Immediately on return to this HQ HQ i/c advance party will hand receipt forms for all the vehicles handed over, to Ord this HQ with a written report covering the period they are away from this HQ.

Appx 'B' to 53 BEU letter
Ref Q6 - 35 of 4 Dec 44

INSTRUCTIONS ON PROCEDURE TO BE ADOPTED WHEN TPT IS HANDED OVER TO COMBAT GP
FOLLOWS AT VEHICLE PARK OR GP AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURN TO COMBAT GP AREA.

1. A convoy containing Combat Gp drivers will arrive at No. 9 Vehicle Pk, CAMUA, at 0900 hrs 6 Dec. The officer in charge will contact NCO i/c advance party, in this case Cpl Adams.
2. A convoy containing Combat Gp drivers will arrive at HQ 2 Vehicle Gp, BARI, at 0900 hrs on 7 Dec. The officer in charge will make contact with NCO i/c advance party, in this case Cpl Smith, or his representative and will be taken accompanied by his convoy to the Vehicle Park from which the tpt will be issued.
3. The NCO i/c each advance party will show the officer i/c convoy the vehicles which are to be taken over by the Combat Gp and will inform him whether or not all vehicles are ready to be driven away immediately.
4. The NCO i/c each advance party will then obtain a signature on an AF B.103 and on a vehicle voucher form (issue voucher) for all vehicles driven away. Both receipts will show the WD vehicles numbers and the phrase "complete with sealed tools" and a list of known deficiencies if any.
5. When the officer i/c of the returning convoy is satisfied that all his vehicles are in running order he will assemble his vehicles and return to this area in convoy.
6. Kindly ensure that all points given in "Notes on Convoy Discipline" passed to your HQ in Appx to this HQ letter Q6 - 25 of 17 Nov. are covered in your instructions to Officers i/c the convoys.
7. These convoys will return to GENESI via BEWEVETO and PONTI.
8. L/c released will not be driven but will be carried in lorries. Lashing ropes will be provided by Combat Gp.

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Appx 'C' to 53 BLU letter
Ref 96 - 35 of 4 Dec 44

INSTRUCTION FOR COLLECTION OF TPT RELEASED TO 53 BLU

1. Advance party to 9 Vehicle Park, CAPUA, as by para 1 of Appx 'A' will, in addition to the duties as laid down in Appx 'A', be responsible for collecting the tpt released to this HQ as by para 1 of this letter.
2. Drivers for this tpt are provided by Combat Gp ~~WILSON~~ and will be handed over to NCO i/c this party by the Combat Gp officer ~~i/c driver convoy~~ at approx 0900 hrs 6 Dec at the Vehicle Pk.
3. After all Combat Gp vehicles have been handed over to the Combat Gp officer NCO i/c advance party will assign the Italian drivers provided to the vehicles released to this HQ.
4. After ensuring that all this tpt is ready to proceed he will form up his convoy. He will then mark his vehicles "Br 1" to "Br 10" and instruct the drivers through the interpreter of their duties and of Br convoy discipline to be observed.
5. Particular emphasis will be laid on the speed of the convoy, the distance between vehicles, and all drivers are to be told that under no circumstances will they break convoy and pass vehicles of the same convoy.
6. The speed of the convoy will be 17 miles in the hour and the speed of 20 miles per hour will not be exceeded under any circumstances.
7. The convoy route will be CAPUA - CASERTA - MADALONI - BENEVENTO - POMPEI - TERAMO.
8. The first and last vehicle in the convoy will contain Br ORs.
9. New L/c's will not be driven but will be carried in 3 ton lorries - lashing ropes will be carried.

7 DEC 1944

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H.Q. Combat Group Folgore.
1 Sec. Op. Inf. Serv.

2326/Serv di prot

4 Dec. 44

Subject: Movement Organisation of New Vehicles from BARI to TELESE.To :- 184 Complement Coy
S & T CoyInf. 53 B.L.U.*not to 53 B.U.*

Further to 2306/Serv of 3 Dec.

1. The scope of good discipline in the transfer of new vehicles from BARI to TELESE is to keep in mind, the long distance and also that the vehicles are new. We have decided the following :-

Route; BARI - BARLETTA - CERIGNOLA - ORTANOVA - CASTELLUCCIO de' SACERI - P.to BOVINO - ARIANO delle FUGLIE - GROTTAMINARDA - NEREVENTO - PONTE - TELESE, Staging Point - ORTANOVA.

2. The staging point at ORTANOVA will be organised by S & T Coy with the following personnel :-

- 1 Officer
- 2 NCOs
- 2 Cooks
- 4 Fatigue Men

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These men are provided by the 184 Complement Coy and will be on the ration strength of the S & T as previously arranged by the two coys.

The officer i/c of the staging point in ORTANOVA will make all arrangements for sleeping and meals for 70 men, also parking place for 60 vehicles.

All personnel of 184 Complement Coy will proceed to S & T Coy on the afternoon of 5 Dec.

Signed :- G.P. Cangini.

8 DEC 1944

28 DEC 1944

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(96)

SUBJECT - Brit Vels Held by Nos 2 & 3
Italian Combat Gps

52 BLU
 53 BLU

56 Area
 Ord

3 District
 Bxt 113
 650/60
4 Dec 44

(911)

Ref 52 BLU's Q/7 of 25 Nov 44 and 53 BLU's Q 6 -
 26 of 19 Nov 44.

1. It is thought that certain of the vels shown in
 the above returns can be held against the WE of the Combat
 Gps concerned.

2. Will you please forward to this Hq by 12 Dec a
 return showing:-

- (a) The number of vels which can be held against
 WE, by types.
- (b) The balance available for re-allocation by
 AFHQ as trg vels, by types.

6 DEC 1944

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Col
 DA & QMG
 (W.J. CARTE)

WJC/stc

Subject: Fuel.

Re: M. G. Combat Group #1157.
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53 B.L.D.
 Ref. 46 - 57
 5 Dec. 44

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1. Ref your 2269/3000 of 28 Nov.
2. It is appreciated that the collection of wood from Matsens by the Combat Group is impractical.
3. However every effort must be made to use what wood can be collected locally and the strictest economy exercised in the use of derv and lubricating oil both mixed with water as fuel.
4. No reduction in the present allotment of derv etc to the Group is expected.

[Signature]
 Lt. Col.
 C.S.

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Subject: Recovery of B.I.

To :- U.S. 3 District, USF
of
Italy

53 B.I.R.
Ref. 46 - 36
5 Dec. 46

1. It is understood that a Recovery Team has been made available to other Combat Groups for the recovery of B.I.R. transport in and around the area where the group has been equipped.

2. As there is a considerable amount of B.I.R. Italian transport belonging to the Combat Group 'Folgore', will you please advise whether this Recovery Team could be made available for use in this area.

Raymond M. F.

1st Col.
U.S.

5 DEC 1944

Subject: Collection of 6,1098 Vehicles.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. Q6 - 35
4 Dec 44To: H.Q. Combat Gp POLIGORE

1. The following 6,1098 scale of tpt has been released to the Combat Gp and so this HQ and is available for collection at the Vehicle Park or Group as shown below:

No.	Vehicle Park or Group	Released to
6	9 Vehicle Park CAPUA	Released to Combat Gp POLIGORE
4	"	
40	"	
4	2 Vehicle Gp BARI	Released to 53 B.L.U.
40	"	
5	"	
6	9 Vehicle Park CAPUA	Released to 53 B.L.U.
2	"	
3	"	
3	"	
2	"	
1	2 Vehicle Gp BARI	

2. It is desired to collect this tpt as soon as possible and for this purpose it is intended to send small advance parties to the vehicle park and GP arriving there at least 24 hrs before the main body of your GP drivers. It will be the duty of these advance parties to arrange that on the arrival of your GP drivers the tpt which is to be collected can be driven off in convey with the minimum delay. Information as to the constitution of these advance parties and instructions to the senior NOG of these parties are as by Appx 'A' attached.

3. Kindly arrange for the Italian personnel and tpt for these advance parties to report as shown in Appx 'A'.

4. The procedure to be adopted re the taking over the tpt for your GP by your personnel at the vehicle park or group are as by Appx 'B' attached, together with suggested instructions re convey discipline to be observed on the journey from the park or group to THESE.

5. Re the collection of the tpt released to this HQ instructions for its collection are contained in Appx 'C' attached.

6. This HQ has been informed that all vehicles will be handed over with tool cases sealed, these seals will not be tampered with till they are checked by your Mech Bn. All deficiencies of tools will be submitted to

2. It is desired to collect this tpt as soon as possible and for this purpose it is intended to send small advance parties to the vehicle park and Gp arriving there at least 24 hrs before the main body of your Gp drivers. It will be the duty of these advance parties to arrange that on the arrival of your Gp drivers the tpt which is to be collected can be driven off in convey with the minimum delay. Information as to the constitution of these advance parties and instructions to the senior NCO of these parties are as by Appx 'A' attached.
3. Kindly arrange for the Italian personnel and tpt for these advance parties to report as shown in Appx 'A'.
4. The procedure to be adopted re the taking over the tpt for your Gp by your personnel at the vehicle park or group are as by Appx 'B' attached, together with suggested instructions re convey discipline to be observed on the journey from the park or group to TELESE.
5. Re the collection of the tpt released to this HQ instructions for its collection are contained in Appx 'C' attached.
6. This HQ has been informed that all vehicles will be handed over with tool cases sealed, these seals will not be tampered with till they are checked by your Tech Engr Wreps staff. All deficiencies of tools will be submitted to this HQ within 48 hrs of the vehicle being issued to one of your units - information as to the WD number from which the tools were missing, will be given.
7. This HQ will be informed by 1830 hrs daily of the WD numbers of all G.1098 scale tpt which has arrived in your Wreps during the previous 24 hrs, the WD number of all this tpt issued to your Gp units and the units receiving the tpt, and the WD numbers of all this Tpt amitting issue to Gp units. It is essential that this information is rendered accurately and promptly.
8. The route to be followed by these returning convoys will be via RENEVANTO and PONTRE - the diversion at PONTRE being considered safer than the ANCORARA railway bridge.
9. It is essential that adequate Pro personnel accompany these convoys and that further Pro personnel man the convey route particularly to PONTRE diversion.
10. It is considered that the GALIA convey should arrive in this area at approximately 1700 hrs 6 Dec. and the BARI convey not earlier than 1700 hrs 8 Dec.
11. It is understood that the tpt released to your Gp will be driven direct to your Tech Engrs Wreps for checking of tools, vehicles, and vehicle books prior to proceeding to your units. It is suggested that this checking must be done thoroughly but with all possible speed as in future it may not be possible to give more than 24 hrs between the arrival of one convey or 50 MT and the next of similar size.

Lt. Col.
GS

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Appx 'A' to 53 BLU letter
Ref Q6 - 35 of 4 Dec. 44

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NCOs I/C ADVANCE PARTIES TO ARRANGE FOR COLLECTION OF TPT

1. Advance parties to arrange for the collection of tpt as shown in para 1 of this letter will be constituted as follows :-

Advance party to proceed to
9 Vehicle Park CAPUA

NCO i/c Cpl Adams
Dvr Andrews
Cpl Major Bezzel

53 BLU
53 BLU
Italian Increment
to 53 BLU

Advance party to proceed to
2 Vehicle Gp PARK

NCO i/c Cpl Smith
Cpl Washer
53 BLU
53 BLU

One driver
Tpt 1 3ton lorry with cover
1 i/c

Provided by
Combat Gp FOLCORE

Two drivers
Tpt 1 3ton lorry with cover
1 i/c
Provided by
Combat Gp FOLCORE

2. CAPUA advance party will take 43 hrs rations and BLU advance party will take 3 days rations. All personnel will take bedding and will make their own arrangements re cooking.

3. Both parties will be assembled and will leave this HQ at 0815 hrs 5 Dec. 791

4. NCO i/c advance parties will be in possession of AF B.108 and AFHQ and 3 District release notes in respect of all tpt shown in para 1 of this letter. These releases will be collected from Ord this HQ at 1830 hrs 4 Dec.

5. Advance parties will proceed to the Vehicle Park or Gp in question and will make the necessary arrangements to enable the Italian drivers who will arrive approx 24 hrs after the arrival of these advance parties to drive the released vehicles from the Park or Gp with the minimum of delay.

6. This will involve (inter alia) seeing that all vehicles, filled with oil, petrol and water, and are in full running order.

7. This HQ has been informed that vehicles will be issued with sealed tool boxes or sealed tool bags, these seals will not be broken.

8. Within 24 hrs of the arrival of the advance party at the Park or Gp the main body of Italian drivers with an officer in command will contact the NCO i/c advance party, and the vehicles to which the Combat Gp are entitled will be vouchered over to this officer with sealed tool boxes or sealed tool bags.

3. Both parties will be assembled and will leave this HQ at 0815 hrs 5 Dec.
4. MCC i/c advance parties will be in possession of AF B, 108 and AFHQ and 3 District release notes in respect of all tot shown in para 1 of this letter. Those releases will be collected from Ord this HQ at 1830 hrs 4 Dec.
5. Advance parties will proceed to the Vehicle Park or Gp in question and will make the necessary arrangements to enable the Italian drivers who will arrive approx 24 hrs after the arrival of these advance parties to drive the released vehicles from the Park or Gp with the minimum of delay.
6. This will involve (inter alia) seeing that all vehicles, filled with oil, petrol and water, and are in full running order.
7. This HQ has been informed that vehicles will be issued with sealed tool boxes or sealed tool bags, these seals will not be broken.
8. Within 24 hrs of the arrival of the advance party at the Park or Gp the main body of Italian drivers with an officer in command will contact the MCC i/c advance party, and the vehicles to which the Combat Gp are entitled will be vouchered over to this officer with sealed tool boxes or sealed tool bags.
9. The MCC i/c advance party to DARI will further :-
 (a) arrange that the Trailer Water CL.I released to this HQ is towed back to this HQ by one of the Italian vehicles.
 (b) arrange that a guide is at HQ 2 Vehicle Gp, DARI to lead the Italian driver convey to the vehicle park from which the vehicles are to be drawn.
10. Further the MCC i/c advance party at CAPUA will be responsible for bringing the vehicles released to this HQ back in convoy. These vehicles will be brought direct to the parking area in rear of this HQ and not to the Mech Eng Workshops of this Combat Gp. Instructions as by AFHQ 'C'.
11. Advance parties will not be responsible for conveying tot released to the Combat Gp from the Park or Gp to this area. They will however give every assistance where possible to the Italian personnel engaged on this duty.
12. Immediately on return to this HQ MCC i/c advance party will hand receipt forms for all the vehicles handed over, to Ord this HQ with a written report covering the period they are away from this HQ.

Appx 'B' to 53 BUI letter
Ref Q6 - 35 of 4 Dec 44...

INSTRUCTIONS ON PROCEDURES TO BE ADOPTED WHEN TPT IS HANDLED OVER TO COMBAT GP
JUDGE AT VEHICLE PARK OR GP AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURN TO COMBAT GP AREA.

1. A convoy containing Combat Gp drivers will arrive at No. 9 Vehicle Pk, CMUA, at 0900 hrs on 6 Dec. The officer in charge will contact MCC i/c advance party, in this case Cpl Adams.
2. A convoy containing Combat Gp drivers will arrive at Hq 2 Vehicle Gp, BARI, at 0900 hrs on 7 Dec. The officer in charge will make contact with MCC i/c advance party, in this case Cpl Smith, or his representative and will be taken accompanied by his convoy to the Vehicle Park from which the tpt will be issued.
3. The MCC i/c each advance party will show the officer i/c convoy the vehicles which are to be taken over by the Combat Gp and will inform him whether or not all vehicles are ready to be driven away immediately.
4. The MCC i/c each advance party will then obtain a signature on an AF B.100 and on a vehicle voucher form (issue voucher) for all vehicles driven away. Both receipts will show the WD vehicles numbers and the phrase "complete with serial tools" and a list of known deficiencies if any.
5. When the officer i/c of the returning convoy is satisfied that all his vehicles are in running order he will assemble his vehicles and return to this area in convoy. 790
6. Finally ensure that all points given in "Notes on Convoy Discipline" passed to your HQ in Appx to this HQ letter Q6 - 25 of 17 Nov. are covered in your instructions to officers i/c the convoys.
7. These convoys will return to BELLES via BENEVENTO and PONTI.
8. W/ves released will not be driven but will be carried in lorries. Lashing ropes will be provided by Combat Gp.

Appx 'C' to 53 BLU letter
Ref Qs - 35 of 4 Dec 44

INSTRUCTION FOR COLLECTION OF TPT RELEASED TO 53 BLU

1. Advance party to 9 Vehicle Park, CAPUA, as by para 1 of Appx 'A' will, in addition to the duties as laid down in Appx 'A', be responsible for collecting the tpt released to this HQ as by para 1 of this letter.
2. Drivers for this tpt are provided by Combat Gp FOLGORE and will be handed over to NCO i/c this party by the Combat Gp officer i/c driver convoy at approx 0900 hrs 6 Dec at the Vehicle Pk.
3. After all Combat Gp vehicles have been handed over to the Combat Gp officer NCO i/c advance party will assign the Italian drivers provided to the vehicles released to this HQ.
4. After ensuring that all this tpt is ready to proceed he will form up his 783
convoy. He will then mark his vehicles "Br 1" to "Br 10" and instruct the drivers through the interpreter of their duties and of Br convoy discipline to be observed.
5. Particular emphasis will be laid on the speed of the convoy, the distance between vehicles, and all drivers are to be told that under no circumstances will they break convoy and pass vehicles of the same convoy.
6. The speed of the convoy will be 17 miles in the hour and the speed of 20 miles per hour will not be exceeded under any circumstances.
7. The convoy route will be CAPUA - CASERTA - MADALONI - BELLEVISTO - POMERIE - TELESSE.
8. The first and last vehicle in the convoy will contain Br ORs.
9. New M/cs will not be driven but will be carried in 3 ton lorries - lashing ropes will be carried.

ARMY FORM C1136 (Small)

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For Action			
TO 207 5th Area	(W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instructions	GR

Originator's No.

Subj: your Q8/245/3 of 19/12/44
submitted to me by 4/10/1 and 3/10/1 on 2/10/1

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H. COMBAT GRO P POLGONE

1 Serv. Op. Inf. Serv.

TRANSLATION.

30 NOV 1944

28 Nov 44.

2269/Serv. di prot.

Subject :- Fuel Consumption.To :- 55 B.L.U.
(Ref. Q6 - 21 of 22 Nov 44).

In respect of your communication above ref No. we ask you to consider the fact that the only possibility of obtaining wood is from Matese, distance 110 to 120 kms from the locality of the Combat Group with consequent:-

employment of six lorries daily for transporting wood, that must be taken from our already small number of employable lorries.

increase wear and tear of transport that already has done continuous hard work.

average daily consumption of 500 litres of derv oil daily necessary for above vehicles.

disadvantages of using wood for fires in the cookhouse both from a hygienic and practical point of view.

For the reasons outlined above we would ask the above BLU to examine a possibility of the assignment to Combat Group of the same quantity of derv oil that is provided to the British soldiers.

Approximately we may state that the present consumption of derv oil for the kitchens of this Combat Group is about 1000 litres daily.

(Signed) G. F. Cangini.

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53rd Signal Bn. Unit

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For Action

TO

HQ MIAA

(W) For Information (INFO)

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Originator's No.

10124-5 C. P. P. 1010 of 23 0. Action requested dispatched
 this HQ 12 Mar 51 Copy of the above being dispatched to dep.

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Subject: Vehicle Strength.

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C.
(HQA) C.F.

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J. A.D.H.
Ref. A4 - 6
25 Nov. 44

1040

1. Ref your HQ signal SI/1010 of 23 Nov. and further to this HQ signal A4/A4 - 5 of 25 Nov.
2. Herewith copy of this HQ letter A4 - 3 of 22 Nov.

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Lt. Col.
C.F.

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LRLC V LAEE NR 1 XLP P

CVR 2-3

FROM LAEE 232219A

TO DISTHREE

INFO 52 BLU 53 BLU

GR 31 BT

RESTRICTED . YOUR R G 3412 OF 17 NOV. FX57218 SIGNED SACRED CITE
 FHQAE. REQUIRE DETAILS BRITISH WD VEHICLES HELD BY 3 AND 4 ITALIAN
 COMBAT GROUPS BY 25 NOV . ACK

BT 232219A

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HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

1 Sec. Op. Inf. Serv.

23 NOV 1944

TRANSLATION.

Q6 1027

21 Nov. 44.

24 NOV 1944

N. Serv. di prot

Subject: Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Transport.To : - 53 B.L.U.

Ref your Q6 - 19 of 12 Nov. 44.

In accordance with the orders of the pamphlet "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army vehicles" the inspection of automobiles assigned to the units for training, and the checking up on the system of daily tasks will be carried out on the days below :-

'Nembo' Regt.
'San Marco' Regt.
Arty Regt.
Engineers Bn.
Medical Sec.
Ord.

Monday 4 Dec. 44.
Tuesday 5 Dec. 44.
Wednesday 6 Dec. 44.
Thursday 7 Dec. 44.
Thursday 7 Dec. 44.
Thursday 7 Dec. 44.

(Signed) G.F. Cangini.

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British American and Italian Vehicles 1 by Combat Group Folgore.

	British.	American	Italian	Off the road awaiting repairs	Ready to go
Austin 10 H.P. Utility	6			4	2
Dodge 3 ton 4x2 GS	6			9	30
Bedford 3 ton 4x2 GS	7			5	2
Dodge 1500 4x2 GS	2			1	1
Ford 1500 4x2 GS	-	7		2	5
Morris 1500 4x2 GS	2			1	1
Austin Ambulance 12	10			6	4
Dodge 3 ton water tanker	8			3	5
Chevrolet 1500 4x2 GS	1			1	-
Ford tractor	7			1	1
Cars 500 4x4 11178				5	4
Fiat 500			1		
Fiat 1100			10		
Fiat 1500			2		
Opel			1		
Fiat 500 C.M.			5		
Light Truck 1100			1		
Fiat 626			80		
Mercedes Benz			19		
S.A.A. 33			8		
Bianchi Miles			7		
Fiat 621			4		
S.A.A. L 39			12		
S.A.A. Bombar			15		
Fiat 634			2		
Fiat 600			1		
Fiat 665			2		
Landia 3 Ro			15		
Isotta Fraschini			2		
C.M. 3000			3		
Alfa Romeo 500			2		
Alfa Romeo 600			2		
Taurus			1		
Ursus			2		
Celano			1		
L.A.D. 35			1		
L.A.D. 58			2		
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Fiat 500 C.A.
Light Truck 1100

Fiat 626
Mercedes Benz
S.F.A. 53
Bianchi Miles
Fiat 621
S.F.A. L 39
S.F.A. Domingo

Fiat 634
Fiat 635
Fiat 636
Lancia 3 Ro
Isotta Fraschini
O.A. 300D
Alfa Romeo 500
Alfa Romeo 600
Maurus
Ursus
Veirano
L.A.D. 55
L.A.D. 58
Heavy A.D. 62

S.F.A. 16 37 Tractor
S.F.A. 16 37 Tractor
Breda 52
Breda 55

Motorcycle Solo Triumph
S.F.A.
Matchless
Alci 500cc
Bianchi 500cc
Gileto 500cc
Benelli 500cc
Benelli 250cc
Sertun
R.I.W.

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1093 apt assigned to Combat Op FOLLOWING Units.

Dodge 3 ton 4x2 CB
Dodge 1500 4x2 CB
Bedford 3 ton 4x2 CB
Ford 1500 4x2 CB
Glen 500 4x4 Willys
Motorcycles Solo Triumph 500cc

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Subject :- Vehicle S" mths.

To :- Land Forces Sub Comd A.C.
(MMA)

1. Ref your SI/1111 of 13 Nov. 44.

2. Herewith list of vehicles broken down to show those of British, American and Italian manufacture held by Combat Group FOLGORE as requested.

SF B.D.U. 1003
Ref. 44-3
22 Nov. 44. 84

Arthur J. R. F.
Lt. Col.
G.S. 779

Subject :- Return of Vehicles.

To :- Head, 3 District.

53 A.I.U.
Ref. Q6 - 32
22 Nov. 44.

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1. Forward to this HQ signal Ref. AQ/46-30 of 22 Nov. 44.
2. Herewith copy of this HQ letter Q6-26 of 19 Nov. 44.

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Angill M. F.
Lt. Col.
C.S.

ARMY FORM 2136 (il)			MESSAGE 1 RM		Register No.
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		(W) For Information (INFO)			
Originator's No. <i>40/76-30</i> <i>Ref your PG 34/2 of 21 Nov 0</i> <i>The HQ replied by letter PG-26 of 18 Nov 0</i> <i>Copy of the HQ letter referred to is being forwarded to you</i>					
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20. 3Dut report EF us of 18 Oct. 51 Blue 777

Symptoms Q2 and Q6 of 17 Nov refer

to Question of 1st and 2nd line 18 Oct. 1944

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 place responsibility for provisions of packet
 POC for the more report of the make they will
 3 Dist (via Q (Mves)) will say how many makes
 are to be carried.
 30 Personnel and package to use in front board
 as responsibility of 30 Dist. 4014 will divide
 a little more. I will be taken as more forward
 Question referred to to them.
 POC arrangements in new location will be as
 directed by Commanders One Dist West

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Set 10th

What are we doing

want force

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URGENT V MEDY SML241
 FROM DISTHREE 211235A
 TO 33 B L W
 OXZ GR2 DT

023412. RESTRICTED. EXPEDITE REPLY THIS HQ 650/50 OF 14

BT 211244G

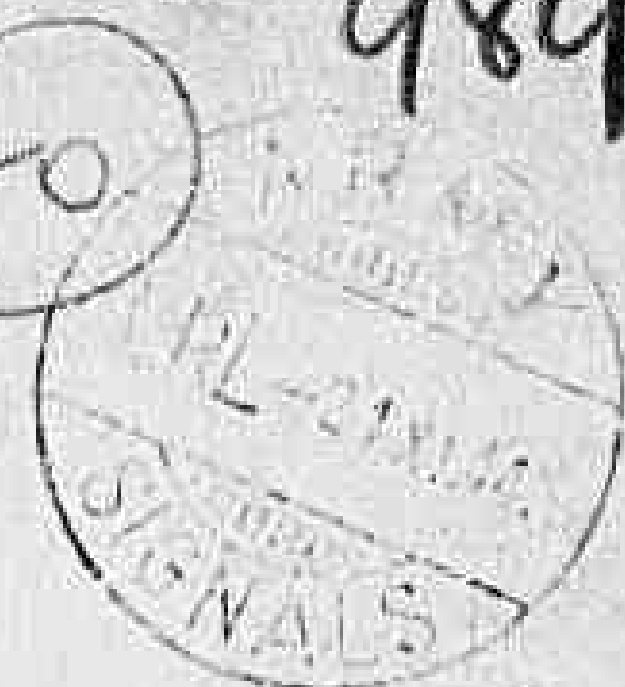
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Signal yc (40)

53 B.L.U.

Subject: Fuel.

TO: H.Q. Combat Group POLARIS.

SI

53 B.L.U.
Ref. 96 - 29
22 Nov. 44.

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1. On examination of returns submitted by your Gp showing the consumption of fuel it would appear that this consumption is excessive for the number of oil engines operating.
2. It is appreciated that a certain quantity of oil is used for cooking purposes but present consumption must be reduced and wood used as cooking fuel where ever possible.
3. Kindly issue the necessary instructions.

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Anthony M. F. 1st. Col.
C.S.

Subject: Transport.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLKORE

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H.Q.M.E.

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53 B.L.U.

Ref. G9 - 10

19 Nov. 44

1. Ref this H.Q. G9 - 5 of 13 Nov. 44.

2. DODGE 3-ton lorry 4 x 2 G.S.

W.D. No. 5616301

is now released from H.Q.M.E. Park for handing over to 232 Rd. Hosp. recently arrived in this area.

3. It is emphasised that this vehicle is new and complete in every detail of tools and kit.

4. Particular care and supervision should therefore be applied regarding its use and maintenance.

Lettriches
Major
G.S.

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Subject: Release of (Notes to Italian Combat Co.)

23 A.L.U.
Ref. 6 - 28
19 Nov. 44.

to :- R.G. 26 in Area 612

1. Ref your 615/8 of 7 Nov. 44 and further to this R.G. letter 6 - 21 of 13 Nov. 44.

2. It is regretted that certain training vehicles on loan to Combat Co. POWs were included in the return submitted by this R.G. in error.

3. The correct position is as stated in this R.G. letter and Appx thereto to R.G. 3 District, ref 6 - 25 of 19 Nov. 44, copies of which are attached in duplicate.

4. The attached correspondence was sent to 3 District after they had ascertained that it was required by A.M. (A.M.).

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[Signature]

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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APPENDIX

VEHICLES HELD BY CASUALTY

Appendix A to 35 CFR
 Letter Ref. 06-26
 of 19 Nov. 44.

Serial.	Vehicle	Make	Total No. held	No. of Vchs held now awaiting repairs.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	4/00	Willys	15	5
2		Willys	18 2 10	1
3		Willys	3	1
4	One 5000 4x4	Willys	6 6 1 1	3
5	1000 4x4 00	Chevrolet	1 1	-
6		Ford	3 1	3
7		Willys	2 1	1
8		Dodge	10 10 3 1 1 1	1
9		Belford	1 1	-
10	1000 4x4 Water	Dodge	4 1	-
11	10 h.p. Utility	Austin	5 5 1 1	3
12	3 ton 4x4 00	Dodge	45	3
13		Belford	5 5 1 1	4
14		Ford	1	1
15	3 ton water tanker	Dodge	6 6 1 1	-
16	ambulance 02.	Austin	10 10 1 1	6

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Subject: - Response of VPI to

Ref: - U.S. 3

53 D.M.B.
Ref. 95 - 25
19 Nov. 44.

911

1. Ref your 654/6 of 14 Nov. 44 and 654/10 of 17 Nov. 44.

2. Herewith Vehicle Return as requested.

3. The delay in submitting this return is regretted, however it is entirely due to the late arrival of your above mentioned correspondence at this HQ.

4. Column (a) of attached Appx shows vehicles which are included in column (b) and which are on the road awaiting major repairs. The var. list above of BR vehicle held by this HQ is again attached.

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Raymond M. F.
Col.
Ch. H.

ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

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18 NOV 1944

LRLC V MEDY NR858 IMMEDIATE QVR 1/2

A LRNE

FROM DISTHREE 171315A

TO 52 BLU : 53 BLU

INFO AFHQ Q (AE)

QXX CR16 DT

GG3410 . RESTRICTED . OUR 650/6Q OF 14 . REQUEST URGENT
REPLY . FOR AFHQ YOUR FX53464 OF 16 REFERS .

BT 1825

SENT NR 858 2220 CS BW K

ED NR 858 EJ 2220 B 1

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SUBJECT - Ret of Vchs

52 RLJ

53 RLJ ✓

Ord

MIA LO

3 District

Ext 113

650/68

14 Nov 44

1. It is requested that you forward to this HQ details of all British vchs at present held by Nos 3 and 4 Italian Combat Gps.

2. The information is required by AFHQ G(AC), and an early reply is requested.

Done H. H. H.

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Let me know the a side

in private.

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L. Carter

Col

DA 2-012
(W.J. GARTER)

WJC/sto

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Done

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Subject: Tpt.

A.C. Contact Group 50120181

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53 H.A.B.

Ref. 50 - 24

16 Nov. 41

1. SO H.A.B. has reported to the Staff of this H.A.B. of the serious damage caused to a vehicle, make Dodge, number 5022604, of Medical Section, by being driven without oil.

2. Kindly ensure that the necessary orders are issued to prevent the recurrence of such a case and confirm that disciplinary action is being taken against the driver of the above vehicle.

AE
 Lt. Col.
 U.S.

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ORDNANCE SHOPS, "FOLGORE"

HEADQUARTERS

AFO # 146

8, 11, -44
Pl. No. 395Subject: Truck Dodge, S.M. -5222684,
of 148 Med. Sect., AFO 148.To : Headquarters, Combat Group "Folgoré", AFO 146
1st Sect., Off. Of., IME., Gerv.

The above named truck was recovered in a dependent Ordnance Shop by command of this Headquarters.

The truck was noticed with complete fusion of No. 6 bearing, partial fusion of No. 2 and 3 bearing, fusion of the big end to the crankshaft, bending of the connecting rod, and scoring on the crankshaft.

The reason of the damage is exclusively to ascribe to the fact that the vehicle drove without any oil, as it was noticed while recovered in the Ordnance Shop, and accordingly to the statements of the man in charge with it, who was delivered the truck the same day of the fusion, and was not acquainted by the man in charge before that the truck wasted oil.

The damage following is a very considerable one, since a connecting rod, a crankshaft and three bearings are to replace.

The spare parts requested for repair were drawn, under authority of the B.L.U., from a water truck which was just now replaced.

That all is transmitted for disciplinary and penal provision

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That all is transmitted for disciplinary and penal provision this HQ will take accordingly to art. 169 of C.P.M.P. and art. 47 of C.P.W.C.

Commanding Officer
Maj. M. Pallevicino, Eng.

91/ Disciplinary action to be taken GMB
and reported to the HQ

Subject: Trg Vehicles.

To: 1009

Copy to 1009 Mr. Haples

Ort

1009

53 B.A.B.

Ref. 09 - 8

16 Nov. 44

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134/1.4.32.

792 refer.

1. Ref your H.Q. Ltr/1009/H.Q.2 of 8 Nov. 44.

2. R.E.A.S. rep (Capt. Sinton) of this H.Q. visited 1009 Mr. Haples on 15 Nov. 44, where he ascertained that there were insufficient vehicles to meet the needs authorized in para 1 of your above-quoted letter. 30 3-ton lorries were available.

3. An R.E.A.S. (Capt. Sinton) of this H.Q. undertook, however,
 (a) to select 14 4-ton's, in good order, as soon as they become available.
 (b) to make available, shortly, two 3-ton lorries, and to earmark for this H.Q. the balance of three 3-ton lorries as they become available.
 (c) to inform this H.Q. of the particulars, numbers etc, of above vehicles as and when they are earmarked for this H.Q.

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St. Col.

G. S.

1009/1009

Subject: Petrol and Oil Containers.

53 D.L.U.

Ref. 35 - 23

To :- Lt. Combat Group FUSKES

16 Nov. 44

1. Cases are still occurring of petrol drums, 4 Gallon cans, and oil drums being found to contain water and dirt on being opened after refilling.

2. As all containers are on charge to the Division and are not changed at the refilling depot it is obvious that units are not replacing caps on containers.

3. Will you please issue orders to all units that containers must never be left without the caps properly fastened. If this is not rigidly enforced the number of mechanical failures due to water and dirt in engines will increase with consequent loss of time and efficiency.

A.L.
Lt. Col.
C.S.

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Please note, wh⁹ it may concern, that on the afternoon of 10th. Nov. 44

Captain Bruno Gardelli S.&T. Coy. Folgore; Captain Silvestro Ferrari and Sec. Lieut. Guido Petri of A.Q. Workshops Folgore; went to the S.&T. Coy. Petrol & lubrication Stores to inspect full drums of petrol which had been said to contain a mixture of water and petrol to find out if this was so, and in what quantities it existed.

The above officers, out of 74 drums which contained about 200 litres each full, took 10 of these drums at random for examination and discovered the following:- that 3 of these contained water and petrol mixed in unit quantities of 50%.

The water was both dark, oily and dirty:-

As to the cause of the water and dirt being in the drums, the three officers ⁷⁶³ concluded that the rain water and dirt penetrated the drums during the time they were empty and not properly closed. They also concluded that in the past the drums had been used for transporting oil and gasoline.

The verbal report has been written by order of the O.C. S.&T. Coy.

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Subject: Vehicle Strengths

ST/1111

13 Nov 44.

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIA).
Rome.
Tel: Rome 487081 EXT 526.To: 30 - 21 - 92 - 55 RMA, (for DAQMG)

1. Please forward to this RMA as soon as possible vehicle strengths as at 1st Nov 44, of the Gruppo to which you are accredited.
2. Figures to be broken down showing vehicles of British, American and Italian manufacture.
3. This information is required by AFM, 1st Sec for Land Lease accounting purposes.

Bellafiume

(C. F. Bellafiume)
Major RMA.
For Lt. Col.

GCB/JND

Lt. Col. Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIA) 762

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SUBJECT: Transport for Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(U.I.I.A.)

8/10/44

13 Nov 44

TO : A.F.H.Q.

Copy to: 3 District
52, 53 MU
D.M.T.

W.R.

Training Team (Inf)

1. The issue of the new British M.K. Vehicles to the PIEDMONT and CHAGUA Combat Groups in one batch, before sufficient men were trained to drive and maintain them, resulted in the loss or damage of a large number of new vehicles and the necessity of emergency measures to provide drivers from outside sources at the last moment.

This was probably unavoidable owing to the short time allowed for equipping and training these first two groups.

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2. The case of the second two groups (MAGNAN and PULPURN) now beginning training in the PIEDMONT area is different. It is anticipated that the bulk of the equipment will not be available till the end of December, whereas the personnel to handle vehicles are ready and waiting at this moment, without adequate facilities to begin even elementary training.

3. It is recommended therefore that however difficult it may be, efforts should be made to "feed in" small numbers of lorries and carriers (perhaps 50 at a time) so that drivers can be trained, gradually and thoroughly before receiving more vehicles than they can deal with. If this could be done, the issue of vehicles to units would be withheld until they had proved themselves capable of taking care of them, losses would be avoided and a feeling of confidence and better morale would be

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4. Your support of this proposal and the consequent release of say 100 vehicles per week for the next six weeks is earnestly requested.

Internal Distribution:

M.D.S.T.

Major General
M.D.S.T.

53 B.L.B.
Ref. 09 - 4
13 Nov. 44.

Subject: Req for Combat Group Trg.

To: U.S. Combat Group MORGAN.

Copy to: 3 Trg. Team

U.S.
Ord.
S.S.A. (11)
Camp

1. (a) In accordance with orders already issued by U.S. Combat Gp MORGAN to U.S.S.A. Workshop, the following team (hitherto held for return to MORGAN Gp) will be retained by Combat Gp MORGAN for purposes of Trg drivers:-

Bedford Trg. No. 1 100247
" " No. 1 100242

(b) It is understood that Combat Gp MORGAN has ordered sub-allotment of above team to "MORGAN" Regt. Please confirm for record purposes.

2. In addition to above:-

(a) the following team are available at U.S.S.A. Park:-

3-ton A.A. motor No. 1 100240
" " tractor No. 1 100241
" " tractor No. 1 100242

Under authority this letter, the above are released for MORGAN Trg Regt. and may be drawn forthwith under arrangements to be made by U.S.S.A.

(b) the following remain in U.S.S.A. Workshop for repairs:-

3-ton A.A. motor No. 1 100243 (U.S.S.A.)
" " tractor No. 1 100244

Sub-allotment of the above team will be decided on notification by U.S.S.A. of their availability for Trg.

3. In order further to increase Trg facilities for Combat Gp MORGAN, the following team will be headed over to the Gp by 53 B.L.B. as soon as available.

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Under authority this letter, the above are released for MILITARY ARTY REGT REG, and may be deemed forthwith under arrangements to be made by L.O.S.A.

(b) the following remain in L.O.S.A. nominations for release :-

Person A. M. Fortee
L.O.S.A. Director

NO. L 5521662 (L.O.S.A.)
NO. L 4723323

Sub-allocation of the above value will be included in notification by L.O.S.A. of their availability for ITG.

3. In order further to increase ITG facilities for Combat by MILITARY, the following value will be handed over to the by 53 L.O.S.A. as soon as available.

(a) Track 1500t #/T No. L 43762674
(This veh is at present on loan to L.O.S.A. from ITG stocks and will be handed over by Camp Command as soon as it placed by 1500t #/T No. L 43762674 now returned from workshop).

(b) Bedford 2-ton No. L 4377020
This veh will be handed over by Camp Command as soon as minor repairs have made it fit for ITG purposes.

4. Drivers.
For all vehs taken over on above for ITG, L.O. Command of MILITARY will provide own Italian drivers.

U. M. A. R. S.

Major,
GII,

For
Lt. Col.
P. B.

Subject: Mobilization Equipment: Tpt.

SS B.L.U.

Ref. # - 5

13 Nov. 44

To: U.S. Combat Zone Helgore

Ord
HEM3
O V

The following vehs have been received as mob. equipment

(a) 310 CORR Sec) Parent on POLICOR: but to support first
two 25 (vide MIA 8/9/33/28 of

(b) 232 Mid Hosp) 28 Oct. 44.)

1. for 1-

2.

(a) 14 Triumph m/c

W.D. Nos.

5275816
5274391
5423743
5207324
5424490
5275406
5206553

3 Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 US Ford

W.D. Nos.

5203822
4981512
4757493

1 Jeep 5 cwt 4 x 4

W.D. No.

4822290

1 Lorry 3 ton Bedford 4 x 2

W.D. No.

529210

(all above with tools and equipt as per AB 412)

(complete with tools & equipt)

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3 Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS Ford

W.D. Nos. 5202322
4331612
4757483

1 Jeep 6 cwt 4 x 4

W.D. No. 4428290

1 Lorry 5 ton Bedford 4 x 2 GS.

W.D. No. 529218

(all above with tools and equip as per AF 41E)

(b) 1 Lorry 3-ton Dodge 4 x 2 G.S. (Complete with tools & equip)

W.D. No. 5616301

3. Distribution.

(a) Vets listed in para 2 (a) above will be collected forthwith by H.Q. POL QRM P, who will sign and return Receipt Voucher (att'd) to Ord this d.s.

(b) Lorry in para 2 (b) above will be retained in RMMH party until release is authorised by this H.Q. H.Q. POL QRM P will please sign Receipt Voucher (att'd) and return to Ord, this d.s.

4. It is pointed out that all above vehs are 1938 Mob. Equip for units which, although forced under orders of POL QRM P are to support the GULI & CHRONA ps, and that care should be taken in the use and maintenance of these vehs, damage to which may seriously affect the operational efficiency of the first two ps.

W. H. H. H.

Major
HII

For Lt. Col. J.S.

33 25.6.66
Ref. 03 - 6
13 Nov. 44

Subject: Auto
Re: Current (1) Documents
Copy to: -----
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✓
S.S.

1. In order to facilitate the reception, inspection and documentation of
vols consigned to this by O.S.S., the following procedure will henceforth be
adopted on the arrival of vols in this area.

2. (a) Documentation
Vols will report in the first instance to S.S.S. for storage and
where particulars will be noted as to type, no. and condition. A notebook
guard on the book is already in operation and will continue at sufficient strength
to ensure safe custody of vols.

(b) Inspection
As vols arrive in the area (in accordance with pre-arranged priority
for inspection, they will be inspected and a report prepared as to their fitness
or otherwise for distribution. These reports will be included on the daily
transport state as at present rendered by S.S.S. for information of G.,
and G.S. (S.S. vols are often carried to the by aircraft commencing
documentation, this S.S.S. daily report in often the first indication to G., G. and
G.S. of new arrivals in the area.)

(c) Documentation
G.S. is responsible for reception and disposal of all documents, and others
etc. For newly-arrived vols, and for maintaining full particulars of vols held in
the S.S.S. area under G.S.

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NEWLY ARRIVED

Documentation
Once a vol has arrived in S.S.S. for storage or work, the following procedure
will be followed: (1) The vol will be inspected by S.S.S. and a report prepared
on its condition. (2) The vol will be stored in the S.S.S. area under G.S.

(a) Documentation
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etc. For newly-arrived vols, and for maintaining full particulars of vols held in
the S.S.S. area under G.S.

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G.S. of new arrivals in the area.)

(c) Documentation

(d) Documentation

as for 3(a) above.

Subject :- Release of V to Italian Combat Gp.

To :- 64 Garrison.

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53 B.L.U.
Ref. Q6 - 21
13 Nov. 44

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1. Ref your Q515/8 of 7 Nov. 44.

2. The 'B' vehs listed (in duplicate) in Appx A to this letter are held by Combat Gp FOLCORE.

3. All other vehs are in poor condition and approx 30% are off the road awaiting spare parts and major repairs. In no case could they be classed higher than 5.

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Ray G. Myer
Lt. Col.
G.S.

List of vehicles held by Combat Gp POLGORE.

Appx A to 53 MEU
letter Ref. Q6-21
of 13 Nov. 44.

15cwt 4x2 Wireless	Bedford	3	3
15cwt 4x2 G.S.	Chevrolet	2	1
15cwt 4x2 G.S.	Ford	5	3
15cwt 4x2 G.S.	Fordson	1	1
15cwt 4x2 G.S.	Morris	2	1
15cwt 4x2 G.S.	Dodge	3	17
15cwt 4x2 G.S.	Bedford	1	1
5cwt 4x4 Jeep	Willys	6	
10 H.P. Utility	Austin	5	
3ton 4x2 G.S.	Dodge	45	
3ton 4x2 G.S.	Bedford	5	51
3ton 4x2 G.S.	Ford	1	
Ambulance M2	Austin	10	
15cwt Water Truck	Dodge	4	
3ton Water Tanker	Dodge	6	
M/C	Triumph	13	
M/C	B.S.A.	2	18
M/C	Matchless	3	

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10 NOV 1944

SUBJECT: - Shortage of former GEL Vehicles.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.L.I.C.).
33/1030

DMS 52 MS

Copy to: - DMS 53 MS
MIA 10 Polgore.

1. It has been represented to this MI that the shortage of former GEL vehicles has operated somewhat unfairly from the standpoint of Polgore Division.

2. It is stated -

- (a) that of 4 Recovery Vehicles Polgore received Nil.
- (b) that of 23 Jeeps Polgore received 6 (of which 2 a/c)

3. Would you please inform this MI -

- (a) whether statements in para 2 are correct.
- (b) if so whether any re-allocation is possible (in particular the assignment of at least 4 Recovery Vehicles to Polgore is stated to be very necessary.)

(O.C. PARSONS)
Major, RASC,
Snr Lt. Col.,
ASST, MIA.

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Subject: Amber - Vehicles.

To:

A. J. Amber Group (Amber)

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53 P.L.O.

Ref. 53 - 19 (04)

12 Nov. 54.

1. Ref this A. J. letter 6-3 of 26 Oct. 54.
2. Distribute 1770 copies of too let "Inspection, maintenance and care of my vehicles" in Italian for distribution to all A. J. in charge of vehicles and all AF of course and files of the Amber Group.
3. Kindly advise this A. J. of what arrangements will be made for joint maintenance of AF and the time when inspection will be carried out.

AS Col.
C. J.

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SUBJECT: Release of Vets to Italian Combat Co.

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7 Nov 44

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53 21a

1. It is understood that No 3 Italian Combat Co. (ICOMCO) and No 4 Italian Combat Co. (ICOMCO) are in possession of certain 'B' Vehicles.

2. Please render a return in duplicate showing how held by types to this HQ.

3. The information is required by AFHQ and an early return to this HQ is requested.

File
35/12

Copy to 305/25

Major,
314 2 211,
G. Garrison

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SUBJECT: Release of Vehicles to Italian Combat Gps.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/Q/29/2
Nov 44

TO : 52, 53 BLU

1. Attached copy of 3 District letter 631/13Q of 28 Oct 44 is passed for information and action as necessary.

[Signature]
Major General
M. M. I. A.

10 Nov 44

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C O P Y

SUBJECT: Release of Vehs to Ital Combat Gps

64 Garrison

Q(AE) AFHQ
ROME Allied Area Command
Ord
MMIA LO

6373
3 District
Ext 113
631/13Q
28 Oct 44

Ref MMIA letter S/Q/29/2 of 24 Oct 44 and further
to this HQ Signal Q 2550 of 9 Oct 44.

Vehs will be released as under:-

6 Lorries to 52 BLU for No 3 Ital Combat Gp LEGNANO

6 Lorries to 53 BLU for No 4 Ital Combat Gp FOLGORE

WJC/sto

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/S/ W. J. Carte
Col
DA & QMG
(W. J. CARTE)

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(c)

for

(12)

L. H. Brooks

Subject: URGENT

TO: Hq Combat Group POLIGM

33 A.I.U. *5511*

Ref. 46 - 9

3 Nov 44

1. A considerable quantity of equipment, both training and G4098, is awaiting collection from British Ord depots for your Combat Group.
2. This collection is being held up by the small number of load carrying veh. at the disposal of the PUSKLE Transport Company.
3. In order to speed up this collection it is suggested that 15 3ton Lorries, or such fewer number as is possible, be placed at the disposal of your Transport Company from other units of your Combat Group. It is essential that as many of the vehicles as possible are equipped with cranes as lifting from a considerable proportion of the equipment to be collected.
4. Kindly treat this matter as urgent and let this HQ know the result of vehicles provided. *Am. Co*

Am. Co
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Copy to :- 12.

Subject: Mechanical Engineers Workshops

TO : H.V. Combat Group Mustang

BT

10/28

53 A.I.U.

Ref. Q6-6

29 Oct. 44

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(FILE)

1. A considerable amount of A.T. is likely to be arriving in this area in the near future. This tpt will be training tpt for your Combat Group, tpt for the training team attached to this H, and tpt for this H.

2. It is essential that all this tpt before being distributed to units, is passed through a shop for inspection and for such repairs as are necessary. Where possible the drivers should be allotted to the vehicles before they are sent to the shops and these drivers should help in the overhaul of and repairs necessary to the vehicles.

3. The present position is that the shops can only deal with two vehicles a day, weather permitting, owing to the poor condition of these vehicles on arrival and the limited facilities available. This is obviously unsatisfactory as approx 50 vehicles are expected to arrive within 7 days.

4. It is therefore suggested that all the shops resources are put into full operation immediately and be organized to be able to deal with a very much larger quantity of A.T.

5. Captain Kinton ~~now~~ of this H, will give every assistance in this matter and will attempt to get such stores as are necessary.

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Robert M. F.
Lt. Col.
C. S.

H24

SUBJECT: "Traffic Control & Traffic Discipline"CORPORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, GPO

Tel: 11667

DS/46/24

22 Oct 44

HQ 50 HQU, GPO (15)

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~~HQ 50 HQU, GPO (15)~~~~H 50 " " " "~~

H 50 HQU, GPO (10)

The enclosed copies of pamphlet "Traffic Control and Traffic Discipline" are forwarded for your information and guidance.

28 OCT 1944

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W. F. Hill
Reg-
AFHQ,
D. S. T.

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Subject :- Training Tpt

to :- 1st Combat Group Folgore

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th

53 H.A.U.

Ref. 5-5

27 Oct 44

1. It is expected that wif 20 1st training tpt for your Combat Group will be arriving in the area.
2. It is essential that arrangements are made for a staging area for this tpt with the necessary signs in the vicinity to show the way to this area and a supply of fuel so that the tpt can be refuelled.
3. It is expected that the majority of the training tpt will remain in the staging area for less than 24hrs prior to being allotted to units.
4. Daily inform this HQ of the arrangements made.
5. It is possible that 20 to 25 carriers will be arriving on 31 Oct.

Robert J. Meyer
Lt Col.

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TO:- MMIA, Rome
and for infm 53 BIU ✓
From MMIA LO, FOLGORE.

20 Oct 44

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21 OCT 1944

Subject - Spare Parts Italian Vehs

1. A considerable supply of Italian spare parts were held by CIL and we had arranged for division between the two gps when the Ministry of War intervened and hadd whole supply moved to Rome.
2. As this makes it almost impossible to maintain our Italian vehs may action be taken to have these stores returned. It may be some time before new Br vehs are issued.
3. May reply also be given to my verbal request the OC Wksp be authorised to draw spares urgently needed from It Wksp Calabria 739

H. A. Phelley
am

Sub
 SUBJECT: Inspections - Italian Army.

53
 MILITARY DIVISION
 ITALIAN ARMY
 HQ
 2/6/29/12
 3 Oct 44

TO: A, B, C, D, E, F, HUs

Ref attached. A, E, H.E. inspectors will be with HUs approx.
 as follows:

- A. - 7 Oct
- B. - 21 Oct
- C. - 4 Nov
- D. - 18 Nov
- E. - 2 Dec
- F. - 16 Dec

Please arrange all details with him.

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Ord / Notes / Action

See
person was in
 Maj Gen
 H D I A

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Atome note

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SUBJECT: - Inspections - Italian Army.Unit Maintenance Inspectorate
('B' Vehicles Section)
M.O., U.S.P., C.E.F. (Tel: 1752)

Capt. G.A. FLEWMAN.

AF/MS/63 / Oct '44.

Copy to: - M.O.T.A.

Senior Inspector, U. I. 3 District.

1. Inspections of newly equipped Units of the Italian Army will be commenced by you on 9th. October.
2. You will, together with Capt. McLean, contact 'A', M.O.U. by 7th. October and arrange a programme.
3. Normal Inspections will be carried out, but, in view of the fact that most equipment will only have been issued a comparatively short time, the following points will be emphasised:-
 - (a) The standard of training in M.T. Maintenance of Italian Army personnel.
 - (b) Whether orders issued on M.T. Maintenance are, in fact, in operation.
 - (c) The condition of vehicles being issued and the state of vehicle equipment and tools.
 - (d) Full use of Inspections must be made in demonstrating M.T. Maintenance to the largest number of Italian Army personnel.
 - (e) Any factors which may militate against the longest possible life of M.T. outside the control of the Italian Army.
4. Unit Reports and a consolidated Report on each Gruppo will be rendered to me. Copies of your reports will be distributed by this office on a distribution which will be arranged with M.O. I.A. All action needed by this Inspectorate will, in the first place, be taken by this office.

GAC/RFH

Lieut-Col.,
C.E.F., U.S.P., A.F.C.E.

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