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SUBJECT :- P.O.L. (C.I.P.)Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
ME/31/163

18 July 46

DADME 12 B.L.U.
RMB 1,3,4,5,6 and 10 B.L.U.s

Reference this office Signal ME/31/45, dated 13 Apr 46.

Herewith, for information, copy of Ministry of War
letter 6c/2853/Q4/S dated 10 July 46, addressed to C.I.P. Rome.*A.E. Mockridge, Capt.*A.E. MOCKRIDGE, Capt.
for Lt. Col.,

Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering, MMIA.

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TRANSLATION

From :- Ministry of War
 To :- C.I.P. Rome
 Info :- M.M.I.A.

N° 60/2853/Q4/S
 Dated 10 July 46

Arty and Mot G.D. (ref 33556/05185 of 13 June 46)

Subject :- Lubricants.

1. MMIA in agreement with Chemical Provincial Laboratory of Mantova, have pointed out, by the letters herewith attached, that the motor oils "CIP 3" issued to the dependent Units are of inferior quality and they seriously damage the efficiency of the engines of the vehicle employed.

This SMRE has often recalled your attention on this matter and now we ask you to arrange as soon as possible the issues of the types of oils under mentioned whose physico-chemical characteristics can ensure the perfect running of the engines.

2. Here under is the list of lubricants needed for the vehicles employed by the Italian Army:

Motor Oil

SAE 10

SAE 30-30 HD = OE 30 HD

SAE 50-50 HD = OE 50 HD

C.600

Gear Oil

SAE 90 spe. vv-4-761

or Hypoid

or Universal Lubricant

for gear G90-WY 2681

Grease

G.S. 1 - 4

Please keep us informed as to the actions taken on the matter.

sgd. Gen. LIUZZI

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Subject: - Transport.

Headquarters
4 B. L. U.
B O I S A N C
Ref: 4/68/2-113

26 June 1945.

To: - O.C. 4 B. L. U.

Copy to: - ADM, H. H. L. L. A., Rome.

It is requested that a proposal be submitted to increase the A.M. of this B.L.U. to include a vehicle for the sole use of the M.E., as the present system of sharing does not allow adequate transport for the M.E. to carry out his duties successfully, especially as there is almost at all times one of the vehicles at present held, off the road either awaiting spares or repairs or is otherwise B.L.U.

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SUBJECT: E.O.L. - C.I.P. Issue

D.A.D.M.B.: 12 BLU.
 1,3,4,5,6, and 10 BLUE.

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
 (M.B.L.A.)
 RM/31/123

19 June 46

Further to this office signal RM/31/45 dated 13 April.

1. Samples of oils issued by C.I.P. in various territorial Commands have been analysed by 102 S.E.S.S.

2. From the report all C.I.P. No 2 oils issued are within specification limits of HD 30 oil, but in the case of C.I.P. No 3 oil it will be noted that issues made in FRODO, LILAN and KARLES had low viscosity index and therefore should not be used as a substitute for HD 50 oil.

3. A sample of regenerated oil, which it is understood is widely used in the Italian Army, has also been analysed and addresses will note that this oil is not to be regarded as a suitable substitute for HD oils, and should not be used in engines or any vehicle component having highly stressed or heat generating bearing surfaces.

4. Action is being taken by this HQ with the Ministry of War to standardise the quality of C.I.P. oils within the specification limits of the HD lubricants for which they are issued as substitutes.

Should at any time the standard of C.I.P. lubricants

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1. The following information is being furnished to you for your information only. It is not intended to be used for any other purpose.

4. Action is being taken by this HQ with the Ministry of War to standardize the quality of C.I.P. oils within the Specification limits of the oil lubricants for which they are issued as substitutes.

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6 A copy of the list of specification for certain WD
9 lubricants is forwarded for information.

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AMERICAN SPECIFICATIONS.

	IB 10	IB 30	IB 50	(Nature of oil 90% Mineral by 90 10% Additives.
Viscosity Kinematic at 130 °F Cst at 210 °F Cst	18.2-25.2 —	39.8-55.0 —	— 19.3-21.6	— 15.6 - 18.0
Viscosity Index	85	55	75	85
Flash Point open Cup °F Min	360	390	400	—
Pour Pt. °F Max	-10	0	+15	—
Pour Pt. after dil., with 20% of Petr Naptha °F Max	-10	-10	—	—
Corrosion Cu. Strip 3 hours at 212 °F	Poss	Poss	Poss	—
Corrosion Cu Strip 1 hour at 212 °F 1 hour at 300 °F	— —	— —	— —	Req Poss
Stability Test 96 hrs at 300 °F				2673
(1) Viscosity Increase % Max	—	—	—	200
(2) Insolbl Matter % Max	—	—	—	0.5
(3) Evaporation loss % Max	—	—	—	10.0

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REF 4 BII
Ref. 4/23/2/30 L15 April 1946.

TO: CEM HQ Third Infantry Div.

Director of Repairs Bolzano Territorial Command.

Copy of Message received from MHA is forwarded to you for information and necessary action.

Message.

103/30 u/c (.) Books 406, 412 and tank system maintenance handbook in Italian are now with the Minister of War and should soon be available from compilers. Please inform Italian Units concerned.

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30 PAGES 4 BII.

CONFIDENTIALREF L B.L.U.Ref 4/17/2/778 April 1946

Subject: - Replacement of
Inefficient Officers.

To: - O.C. 4 B.L.U.

Lt/Col SCOTT

1. The above named officer Commanding the 4th Repair Sec W/S of the Territorial Command is considered quite unsuitable to fulfill this position successfully, as he lacks power of command, is a poor example as regards discipline (he is often unkempt and generally unshaven) and has little idea on W/S organisation.
2. He also has a mania for attempting to keep the whole of his W/S under lock and key although guards are available.
3. This mania is preventing the S/Shop becoming properly organised; this was pointed out to him but he stated he was responsible for any item lost although under a proper guard, and would therefore not trust guards.
4. This statement was checked with Gen. HARRISON and as expected was found to be untrue.
5. It is considered that Col SCOTT was aware that he was being untruthful.
6. Further it is extremely difficult to work with this officer as he is evasive in his answers.
7. It should, it is felt, be added that this officer was at one time the CME of the Friuli Inf Div but was posted on an adverse report by the British Army officer of the IAF attached (Capt Stocker) who found Col SCOTT to be both untruthful and inefficient.
8. In view of the above it is suggested that this officer should be replaced as soon as possible.

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- 3.) This mania is preventing the W/Shop becoming properly organized; this was pointed out to him but he stated he was responsible for any item lost although under a proper guard, and would therefore not trust guards.
- 4.) This statement was checked with Gen. NERSONI and as expected was found to be untrue.
- 5.) It is considered that Col SCOTTI was aware that he was being untruthful.
- 6.) Further, it is extremely difficult to work with this officer as he is evasive in his answers.
- 7.) It should, it is felt, be added that this officer was at one time the CAG of the Friuli Inf Div but was posted on an adverse report by the British RECON officer of the IAD attached (Capt Stocker) who found Col SCOTTI to be both untruthful and inefficient.
- 8.) In view of the above it is suggested that this officer should be replaced as soon as possible.

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subject :- AMR's etc.

Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROMA.

MB/13

2 April.46.

AMR's. 1,3,4,6,10,12 BLU's.

It has been ruled that AMR's, AMBI's, Modification Circulars, etc will NOT be issued or lent to the Italian Army through B L U channels though there is no objection to vehicle maintenance manuals, catalogues, and workshop manuals being made available to them.

AMR's etc will be "screened" at this office and extracts passed to the Ministry of War (copy to AMR's) for distribution to the Italian units concerned.

AMR's will continue to be distributed to BLU's for the use of AMR's there.

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Lt. Col.

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Subject. Repair of Allied Vehicles.

Headquarters
4 B.L.U.
Ref: 4/B/13 - 3
23 Dec 45

SO RME 4 BLU

Herewith copy of MIA letter EME/1545 of 15 Dec 45 for your information.

Ch. Den
Lt. Col.
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Subject. Repair of Allied Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
EME/1545.
15 Dec 45.

To: Dir Gen Artig
Motorizzazione
Ministry of War.

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With reference to your letter 024380 of 10 Dec 45, it is agreed that it is most important that the workshops at BOLOGNA should start to repair Allied vehicles from the Infantry Divisions as soon as possible.

It will be necessary to form an Inefficient Vehicles Park in that neighbourhood to which vehicles beyond 2nd echelon repair by the Divisional Workshops can be evacuated. It is understood that Budrio has been suggested as a site for this park, and it is strongly recommended that you urge the formation of this park with all speed, so that, in particular, the vehicles from the Folgore Division which are beyond their repair, may be evacuated there. The idea of leaving these vehicles at Trento when the Folgore Workshops move is strongly deprecated.

It is agreed that 6th Repair Unit is a suitable name for the unit which must carry out repair to vehicles of Italian manufacture in the Bologna Command, and it is suggested that the workshop for repair of Allied vehicles should be called "Italian Base Workshop".

(Signed) xxxxxxxxxxx

Lt. Col.
A.D.M.E.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA)

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