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SUBJECT :- Sitrep -
Visit to 11 Installations in SICILY

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11 Repair Unit

Inspections

The Workshops employs In and Out inspections, a separate bay being provided where this is carried out

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by special personnel. The job card is made out here, and the Inspector has full power to reject on Out-inspecting.

Documentation

Usual Italian type and appeared to be functioning well. One form kept for each vehicle; this is in the shape of a file-cover and houses several minor sheets such as the Unit's receipt on their collection of the vehicle, the original job card etc. All repairs done, and all spares used, are entered in the first mentioned form.

In addition a book is kept, one vehicle to one line, giving In and Out dates and the main details of repairs done.

Type of Repairs

Can be described as 4th line as complete overhauls are undertaken, often with very little civilian help. One truck at the time of the visit was in its initial rebuilding stage, having been completely stripped after a three month's stay in a river.

There are no major assemblies in the stores and all needing repair, however heavy, are dealt with by replacement of component parts. Engines, too, are completely reconditioned.

Output

On the average - about 150 to 200 vehicles a month. Engines completely overhauled - about 15 to 20 per month. This, apparently, copes with all the Unit's demands in the area.

Machinery

Workshops possess all they are entitled to.

Of note are - two calibrating and planing machines - one at present not working but the other in very good condition.

Engine re-boring machine. A generator set, German, found and reconditioned by the Workshop. It gives 260 volts - transformed down from 380. (The engine of this set is air-cooled with 4 separate cylinders).

Small crankshafts are reground in the Workshops, but larger ones sent out to civilian firms.

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