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LIST OF MATERIAL ASSIGNED TO THE LEGIONS OF
PALERMO AND MESSINA

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/2000 NO.

785020

Vehicles

Legion of Palermo

Lorries

Jeeps

Bicycles

Mobile Battalion Palermo

Motorcycles

SPA Lorries

Staghounds Armoured Cars

Legion of Messina

Lorries

Bicycles

Arms and Ammunition

Legions of Palermo and Messina

Breda m.30 cal. 6.5

Hand-granades

Ammunition for Armoured Cars

Legion of Palermo

Beretta Mitras

Received

3

6

154

10

9

12

-

154

1300 Mitras

250000 Ammunition

One for each camera

20 for each camera

Browning "300"-201000

Piercing "37" - 2000

H.E. - 1040

Received

142

Issued

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Issued to Legions

12

-

314

160

-

-

-

12

314

160

Assigned

Mobile Battalion Palermo

Motorcycles	10	-	-
SFA Lorries	9	-	-
Staghounds Armoured Cars	12	-	-
Legion of Messina		12	12
Lorries			
Bicycles	154	314	160

Arms and AmmunitionLegions of Palermo and Messina

Breda m.30 cal. 6.5

Hand-granades

Ammunition for Armoured Cars

	1300 Mitras	250000 Ammunition	Assigned
One for each caserma			"
20 for each caserma			"
Browning "3007-201000			"
Piercing "37" - 2000			"
H.B. - 1040			"

Legion of Palermo

Beretta Mitras

Mobile Battalion Palermo

Beretta Mitras

Brix Mortars 45

Parabellum 9 mm. Ammunition

Legion of Messina

Legion of Palermo

Beretta 9 mm. Ammunition

Legion of Palermo

Legion of Messina

Received

142

Issued

- 1169

One to each man

95.553 rounds
30.188 "30.000 rounds
20.000 "

Clothing assigned to the Legion of Palermo

4000	Jackets
4000	Trousers
4000	Caps
300	Short trousers
2500	Pairs of boots
4500	Shirts kacki with collars
4000	Towels.

Assigned to the legion of Messina

3000	Shirts g.c. with collars.
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3000 Shirts G.S. with collars.

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Clothing received by Carabinieri between 1st March 1946 and 25 April 1946

	Received	Issued to Legions	Stored
Caps	29,642	28,397	1,245
Collars, linen	80,000	80,000	-
Cloth, metres	13,620	13,620	-
Boots	9,171	9,171	-
Shoes, mountain	4,000	4,000	-
Half-soles	17,000	17,000	-
Leather, Kgs	1,000	1,000	-
Matresses	852	852	-
Pillows	2,021	2,021	-
Socks	20,345	15,345	5,000
Towels	65,000	65,000	-
Shirts	25,000	20,000	5,000
Pants or Drawers	16,500	16,500	-
Blankets	20,004	18,404	-
Blankets, quilted Allied	3,400	3,400	-
Uniforms, G.G. new (jackets trousers, FS cap.)	10,000	10,000	-
Jackets	3,407	3,407	-
Trousers G.G.	450	450	-
Putties or Anklets	8,460	8,460	-
Overalls	100	100	-
Greatcoats G.G.	1,425	1,425	-
Pullovers	2,000	2,000	-

Vehicles received by the Carabinieri between 1st January and 26 May 1946

	Passenger vehicles	Jeeps	Lead Carriers	Motor Cycles
LEGIONS	7	165	210	16
Mobile Battalions.	1	19	180	83

Leather, E.G.	1,000	1,000	-
Mattresses	852	852	-
Pillows	2,021	2,021	-
Socks	20,345	15,345	5,000
Towels	65,000	65,000	-
Shirts	25,000	20,000	5,000
Pants or Drawers	16,500	16,500	-
Blankets	20,004	18,404	-
Blankets, quilted Allied	3,400	3,400	-
Uniforms, G.S. men (jackets trousers, PS cap.)	10,000	10,000	-
Jackets	3,407	3,407	-
Trousers G.S.	450	450	-
Patties or Anklets	8,460	8,460	-
Overalls	100	100	-
Greatcoats G.S.	1,425	1,425	-
Pullevers	2,000	2,000	-

Vehicles received by the Carabinieri between 1st January and 26 May 1946 : - - - - -

	Passenger Vehicles	Jeeps	Lead Carriers	Motor Cycles
LEGIONS	7	185	210	16
Mobile Battalions.	1	19	180	83
TOTAL	8	204	390	99

Subject: SPA Lorries.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO
CCRR/Gen

To : 6 Bde. CCRR.
PALERMO

24 May 46.

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1. This H.Q. has been informed that 9 SPA lorries are being issued from the Turin factory to the Mobile Battalion of the PALERMO Legion.
2. Would you please inform this H.Q. if these vehicles have been received by the Mobile Bn.

If not, please state if any difficulties are encountered in obtaining these vehicles.

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S.E. SPREZUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & C.M.G.

SBS/SI
C.M.F.

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SUBJECT: CC.RR. Transport.

11 British Liaison Unit.
Tel. 11393. Palermo.
CC.RR./SIC./103/17

17 June 1946.

TO : Lt.Col. H. MICHALL,
CCRR. Section, MEXIA.

With reference to this Unit letter CCRR/SIC/103/20 dated 7/6/46, a further 3 Spa trucks for the Mobile Battalion of Palermo have now been received. The Battalion has now received all the nine "Spa" trucks that were allotted to it.

In addition 3 other 'Spa' trucks have been received for the Palermo Legion.

W.A.LACEY, Major.
CCRR.(L.O.) 11. B.L.U.

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SUBJECT: CCHR. Transport.

11 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 11393. Palermo
CCHR/SIC/103/20

TO : Lt. Col. E. MICHALL
CCHR. Section, EMIA.

7 June 1946.

A letter CCHR/Q/1/2 dated 28/5/46 was recently received from you notifying the release of the following vehicles for week ending 26th May 1946.

Palermo Legion : 2 Jeeps from 8. E.V.P.

3 New Spa trucks from 2. E.V.P.

From enquiries made at the 6th Brigade H.Q. it appears that 2 jeeps left Rome for the Palermo Legion on 24th May 1946, being received here on 31 May 1946. This brought the total number of jeeps held by the CCHR to six in number.

It would appear that the 2 jeeps released for the week ending 26th May 1946 may be identical with those despatched on the 24th May 1946. May this please be cleared up?

Secondly there appears to be quite a considerable amount of confusion regarding the Spa trucks. The present position is as follows.

The mobile battalion still lacks its three new Spa "38" trucks. I have told the CCHR to collect the 3 Spa trucks from 2. E.V.P. Genoa, intended for the Legion of Palermo.

Thirdly, the Legion of Messina in a letter 116/1 C.A.M. dated 11/4/46 from the Comandante Generale CCHR was informed that 12 trucks were being allocated to them. These twelve trucks are presumably those mentioned in your letter CCHR/Q/1/2. dated 29/3/46. A subsequent instruction has now been received by the Messina Legion telling them to send the necessary personnel either to Genoa or Turin, E.V.P. to collect the 12 trucks. May this please be confirmed; and ~~secondly~~, if twelve trucks are to be collected, would it not be possible for them to be sent by rail. The CCHR are showing reluctance, under present political conditions to send 12 experienced truck drivers (of which they have not too many) all the way to either Genoa or Turin.

An early reply please is requested. The information that I

3 New Spa trucks from 2. E.V.P.

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The mobile battalion still lacks it's three new Spa "35" trucks. I have told the CCHR to collect the 3 Spa trucks from 2. E.V.P. Genoa, intended for the Legion of Palermo.

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An early reply please is requested. The information that I personally possess on these specific points is at the moment rather vague, and the Brigade have appealed to me to clarify the position.

W.A. LACEY, Major
CCHR. (L.O.) 11.225.
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SUBJECT: Spare parts for
Staghounds Armoured Cars.

11 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 11393. Palermo
CCRR/SIC/ 102/10

11 June 1946.

TO : Lt.Col. H. NICHALL,
CCRR. Section, MMIA.

The following are requested by the Mobile Battalion of the
Legion of Palermo for the Staghounds Armoured Cars.

Lamps, front.	12 volts.	6.
" , front.	24 volts.	8.
" , turret.	26 volts.	5.
Lateral petrol tanks.		10.
Ignition lamp bulbs /		12.
Browning ammunition box holder, external.		12.
Hand extractor and tools for machine gun		
Browning.		12.
Tyre inflater.		1.
Leather helmets for members of Armoured		
car crew.		60.

A supply of oil is also required for the brakes and turret
operating mechanism.

The electrical items have been fused by the CCRR, through
ignorance. The other items appear to have been deficient when
the Staghounds were drawn.

W.A. LACEY, Major,
CCRR. (L.O.) 11. B.L.U.

1163

SUBJECT: Bicycles for
CC.RR. -

11 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 11393. PALERMO
CC.RR./SIC/101/10

8 June 1946.

TO : Lt.Col. H. MICHALL
CORR Section, MMIA.

With reference to your letter CORR/Q/1/2 and CORR/Q/3/1 dated 22/5/1946, the Legions of Messina and Palermo have both received the 1st delivery of 154 bicycles.

They have as yet no information, regarding a further allocation to each, of another 160.


W.A. LACEY, Major
CORR.(L.O.) 11.B.L.U.

1162

SUBJECT: Urgent Tyre
requirements.

11 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 11393. PALERMO
CORR/SIC/102/1

7 June 1946.

TO : Lt.Col. H. MICHALL
CORR. Section, MMIA.

With reference to our discussion, prior to my departure from Rome, the urgent needs of this Brigade in respect of the above are as follows :

LEGION OF PALERMO

Tyres and Inner Tubes	-	270 X 20	-	4 each.
" " " "	-	210 X 20	-	8 "
" " " "	-	32 X 6	-	4 "
" " " "	-	400 X 17	-	12 "
" " " "	-	600 X 16	-	4 "
" " " "	-	325 X 19	-	40 "

LEGION OF MESSINA

Tyres and Inner Tubes	-	4.50 X 19	-	5 each
" " " "	-	4.00 X 17	-	25 "
" " " "	-	6.50 X 17	-	5 "
" " " "	-	2.00 X 20	-	35 "
" " " "	-	32 X 6	-	14 "
" " " "	-	40 X 20	-	25 "
" " " "	-	34 X 7	-	14 "
" " " "	-	3.50 X 19	-	60 "
Tyres only	-	5.50 X 15	-	5
Tyres and Inner Tubes	-	5.25 X 15	-	25 each

Can anything be done to make these available to the CORR of this Brigade ?

W.A. LACEY, Major
CORR. (L.O.) 11 B.L.U.

Subject: Transport for
Mobile Battalion.

11 British Liaison Unit.
Tel. 11395. PALERMO
CC.RR./SIC/102/

3 June 1946. G/1

TO : Lt.Col. H. MICHAEL,
CC.RR. Section, M.M.I.A.

With reference to this office letter CC.RR./SIC/102/6 dated 25/5/46 a further three new Spa 38 trucks for the Mobile Battalion of Palermo have now been received.

No information is yet available as to when the remaining three trucks (making nine in all) will be sent.

*See memo
20/5/46*

W.A. Lacey

W.A. LACEY, Major
CC.RR. (L.O.) 11 BLU.

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SUBJECT :- Transport for Carabinieri.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION.A.C.
ROME.

CCRR/31/2

30th May 1945.

CC.RR. I.O. 11. B.L.U.

1. Reference the letter dated 25th May 1945, received from the CC.RR. I.O. 11.BLU regarding the above subject (his ref. N°: CCRR/SIC/102/6).

2. The following allocations of vehicles have been made by the War Ministry:-

Palermo Mobile Battalion	9 new S.P.A. lorries
Palermo Legion	3 new S.P.A. lorries.
Palermo Legion	2 Jeeps

These Jeeps are in addition to the Jeeps taken down to Palermo by the CCRR. I.O.

3. Enquiries have been made at the War Ministry and there is NO QUESTION of any of these SPA lorries being allocated elsewhere and not now available for Palermo.

4. The Staff at the War Ministry state that a Lt. Mole of the Carabinieri at Palermo arrived with insufficient drivers to take all the vehicles away and that a telegram had to be sent to Palermo asking for more Carabinieri drivers to be sent.

5. The E.V.F. in Rome is not authorised to issue quantities of petrol, but petrol can always be obtained from the War Ministry (Ufficio Servizio). This is the office in the War Ministry ^{there} issues the release notes for vehicles from E.V.F.

1. Reference the letter dated 25th May 1946, received from the GC.RR. L.O. 11.31U regarding the above subject (his ref. No. CCRB/SIC/102/6).

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6. It is regretted that so much time has been wasted, and in future when difficulties and misunderstandings occur in connection with the delivery of vehicles to the Carabinieri, the Officer in charge of the party of Carabinieri drivers should always refer the matter, and seek the advice and assistance of Colonel CELLI, at Carabinieri HQs in Rome. (UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO AUTOMOBILI E MOTORIZZAZIONE).

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* 7. We are assured by the War Ministry that the whole of these vehicles mentioned in para. 2 of this letter are available to the Carabinieri and it is only a question of the necessary drivers presenting themselves with the proper release notes.

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M. MIGHALL, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

RP/ec

SUBJECT: Staghound Armoured
Cars.

File 13A
11 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 11393. PALERMO.
CC.RR./SIC/102/7.

29 May 1946.

To: Lt.Col. H.MICHAEL
CC.RR.Section.M.M.I.A.-

With reference to your letter CC.RR./Q/I/3 dated 20/5/46,
addressed to the General H.Q. CC.RR. Rome, the following is the
position as regards the Mobile Battalion of Palermo.

1. All Staghounds, twelve in number without spare wheels
and tyres.
2. Drawn from Naples.
3. All class I vehicles.
4. Size of tyres, 14.00 x 20.


W.A. LACEY, Major
CC.RR. (L.O) 11. B. L. U.

1157

SUBJECT :- Carabinieri Transport.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION.AC.
LMIA ROME.

CCRR/Q/1/2

28 May 1946.

CC.RR. I.O. 11 B.L.U.

1. The following vehicles have been released to the Carabinieri during the week-ending 26th May 1946:
2. Palermo Legion. 2 Jeeps from S.E.V.P. Rome.
3 new S.P.A. load carriers
from 2 E.V.P. Genoa. These S.P.A.
lorries are in addition to the
9 S.P.A. lorries allocated to the
Mobile Battalion of Palermo.
3. Will you please notify this Office when the Carabinieri have completed collection.

RP/ec

Richard Fielders
R. FIELDERS, Major
GSO II CCRR Section,
M. M. I. A.

1156

Subject. Transport for

Mobile Battalion.

11, British Liaison Unit,

Tel. 11393,

CCRA. /SIC/102/5.

25th. May, 1946.

TO. Lt.Col.H.Mighall,

CCRA. Section, M.S.I.A.

With reference to your letter CCRH. Q/L/3 dated 4th. May, 1946, drivers together with an officer were duly sent to Rome to collect the nine new Spa 38 trucks for the mobile battalion of Palermo.

On arrival, the officer concerned was given only 3 trucks, and told that the other 6 trucks had been allocated elsewhere. Further he was refused petrol for the three trucks, and only obtained it eventually by visiting a relation of his, a general, at the Italian War Ministry. The three Spa trucks are now in Palermo.

May the necessary representations please be made to supply the remaining 6 trucks immediately -- with petrol; and also may an assurance please be given that the CCRH. from this Legion will not again have a fruitless journey.

[Signature]
W.K. Lacey, Major.

CCRA. L.O., 11, S.L.U.

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[Handwritten notes: "Rome 3/1/46" and "see"]

Palermo.

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W.A. Leacey
W.A. Leacey, Major,
CCRM. L.O., 11, S.L.U.

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Subject: Transport for 10 Battalions

Land Forces Sub Commission 40
INMIA
Rome

CCS 2/1/3

4th May '46.

To: C.C. No. 11 JLV.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 JLV's
(for 1000 L.O.'s)

1. The Italian War Ministry has released the following
new SPA 38 load carriers. They will be distributed as follows:-

2.	Mobile Battalion of RARI	10
"	" NAPLES	9
"	" ROMA TERR.	9
"	" CANTIERI	9
"	" LARIO	9
"	" PALERMO	9
"	" MILAN	9
"	" MCHENNE	9
"	" SALONNA	9
"	" GENOA	9
"	" TURIN	9
TOTAL:		100

3. Carabinieri R.O.'s and the War Ministry are arranging
delivery which will commence at once. This letter is only for information
and NO action to expedite delivery by the CCS L.O.'s is necessary. The
lorries are being collected from the SPA factory at Turin.

Hinchall

M. MICHAEL, Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. H. I. A.

Copy to Q. (for attention Major Byrne)

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FOR CO. HQ. LIAISON OFFICER (.) FOLLOWING VEHICLES REPORTED ~~REMOVED~~
 WEEK ENDING 21 APR (.) LEGIONS (.) CATANZANO 3 ROAD CARRIERS EX
 8 EVF (.) BUREAU HQ (.) MOTOR CYCLES (.) BUREAU TO BUREAU TO
 PAID TO EX 10 EVF BUREAU

DISPATCH

CO. HQ.

1153

MAJ. W. H. HARRIS

Ref. No. CC.RR./SIC/102/4.

CC.RR. SECTION.
11. E.I.U.

SUBJECT: Steel sheets for armouring trucks. 28th March 1945.

To : C.S.O. 1.
CC.RR. Section.
H.O. S.M.I.A. -

1. In the first preliminary report submitted by this section on the 5th Feb. 1945 a recommendation was made for the provision of sheet steel for the modification of trucks to protect troops going to scenes of operations. This matter was apparently raised on, or after some time the Brigade Commander was put in direct contact with Ansaldo, of Genoa for the supply of this metal.

2. There have been many delays and much correspondence on this and now finally when it appeared that the metal was available Ansaldo sent a letter stating that tests should be carried out to see if the metal was proof against machine gun fire. This to me appears to be ridiculous, that a firm who have been making tanks for the Italian Government throughout the war, should not know the resistance to fire of metal they are using. The matter however does not rest there. Colonel Calabro contacted the Legion Commander of Genoa and requested him to carry out the test. A reply has now been received that the authority of the Minister of War must be first obtained before a shot can be fired at this metal to see if it is any good.

3. It would be much appreciated if some assistance could be given to this Command to expedite the supply of the metal and if it is essential that the authority of the Ministry has to be obtained whether it could be obtained and sent to the Legion Commander Genoa who would then carry out the test.

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Proctor

F. PROCTOR
Major.

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