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REPAIRS & MAINT. ORGANISATION

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Tribunale Appello di Lampedusa

No 1 di prot.

Pratica N. 1

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Subj-ct: 11 Repair Unit -
Proposal Detachment SYRACUSA

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO

Q/T R.E.H./I.

To : 11 Military Terr. H.Q.
PALERMO.

13 July 46.

1. At a conference between Major S.E. SHREZUM and Director of Repairs 11 Mil. Terr. H.Q. the Director of Repairs stated that the proposed workshop detachment at SYRACUSA would serve a far more useful purpose if in fact the workshop were located at CATANIA.

This proposition was referred by Major SHREZUM to M.M.I.A.

Attached is copy of their reply on this matter. — 13 A

2. It is suggested that immediate action be taken in accordance with para 2. of attached letter.

S.E. SHREZUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.E.G.

SSS/SI
C.M.P.

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SUBJECT :- Detachment of 11th Repair Unit.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
ME/21/63

17 July 46

To :- 11 British Liaison Unit, CMF.

Confirming telephonic conversation (DAA & QMG-DADME, MMIA).

1. It is understood that the Director of Repairs 11 Territorial Command desires to site the Detachment of 11 Repair Unit at CATANIA instead of the original location at SYRACUSA, as owing to a regrouping of Units, the site at Catania will enable the Detachment to carry out efficiently and more economically a greater volume of work.
2. In order to obtain the necessary approval, however, it is suggested that the Director of Repairs and Commander of 11 Territorial Command, jointly submit their proposals to the Ministry of War.

W. J. Franklin Capt

W. J. FRANKLIN, Major,
DADME
for Lt Col

Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to:- Ministry of War - for info - your 53-7/2-G.A.
dated 11 May 46 refers. 015625

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Subject: M/T Workshops - Sicily.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO

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1 May 46.

To : 11 Territorial H.Q.
PALERMO

Herewith copy of M.M.I.A. letter to Dir. Gen. of
Motorisation & Artillery, regarding the proposed installation
of a Workshop detachment at SIRACUSA, and the provision of
personnel to bring 11 Light Workshops up to W.E.

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

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SUBJECT: M.T. Workshops in Sicily.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
ME/21/20
18 April 1946

Dir. Gen. of Motorisation & Artillery,
Ministry of War.

Reference your letter 4486/2GA dated 15 April 1946.

1. It is noted that approval has been given for a detachment of the 11 Repair Unit to be located at Siracusa. However it is not clear whether this detachment will be provided from (a) the existing W.S. of the Repair Unit or (b) from an increased W.S. as suggested in Para 2 of this office letter ME/21 dated 21 March 46. Will you please clarify this point?
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Lt. Col.

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Copies to: 10 B.L.U.
11 B.L.U.

SUBJECT: M.T. Workshops in Sicily.

Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROME
MM/21

2 / March 46

Dir. Gen. of Motorisation and Artillery,
Ministry of War.

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Does there exist any possibility of bringing 11 Repair Unit and this proposed detachment up to strength from Military resources as it is understood that civilian labour is scarce?

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Copy to: 10 & 11 HQU'S.

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RB Hunt

Lt. Col.
A.D.M.S.
M.M.I.A.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

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Subject: Report - Vehicle Repair and Maintenance.

23 Feb. 46.

File : PAL/Q/7

To : Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.,
(M.E.I.A.)
ROME.

Herewith report on Repair and maintenance organisation of 11. Territorial Command.

1. Organisation: The existing facilities for performing 2nd, 3rd and 4th ech. repairs are as follows:

11 Repair unit located at PALERMO.
Artillery workshops " " MESSINA.

The W.N. also allows the formation of No. 11 Light workshop. (172/SMRN/1) but this has not yet been implemented owing to unavailability of equipment and shortage of trained skilled personnel.

Units are located all over Sicily some of them 150 miles away from the above workshops. It is therefore quite impracticable for these distant units requiring 2nd and 3rd ech. repairs to utilise the military workshops and are obliged to depend on civilian repair facilities.

The present vehicle strength comprising all units of 11. Terr. Command and CC.RR. (latter dependant on 11 Terr. Command for repairs) is approximately 1000 vehicles; The present Military repair units combined with civilian facilities can possibly cope with the repair side of vehicles. However vehicle inspections must be done by Military workshops for which task the workshops are quite inadequate.

Inf.Divs. have at present only the facilities for performing 1st ech. repairs which are carried out by the M.T. Coys attached to them.

2. Vehicle Inspections: At present there exists no system of routine inspections as on British lines. The present system appears to be that vehicles are given a complete overhaul in units once per week which counts as an inspection but of which no record is kept. A.Bs 406 have only been received lately but it is not thought that their purpose is understood well.

For instance the O/C 11 Transport Coy thought they were part of the daily task system and filled in accordingly by the driver.

He had no idea that 406's should be completed, once a month and that all 406's should come into his office for supervision and signature (this H.Q. 'Report 11 Tpt. Coy.' PAL/ST/10 dated 19 Feb. refers).

The system of monthly workshops inspections is practically impossible both with regard to wide dispersion of units and limited workshop facilities as stated in para 1 above.

However the British System of Monthly Routine Inspections has been put before the Director of Repairs who wishes to apply it but this he can do only within the existing limited facilities.

3. Maintenance: Daily task system is not employed or any parallel Italian system. They cannot however employ the task system until they receive the appropriate manuals which have been indented for. Even when they are in possession of these it is doubted as to whether the system will be understood.

Recommendation:

That a Vehicle Maintenance and Inspection Course be run at Cesano which will cater to instruct sufficient personnel to form a school at Terr. Command which can in turn instruct personnel from all units.

4. Spare Parts: Generally in short supply and much has to be bought off Black Market. Attached is a list of spare parts which are stated by Director of repairs as being in short supply from civil sources where he is obliged to obtain them.
It is regretted that this H.Q. has no facilities to translate the items on attached list.

5. Tyres: Situation improved considerably through the application of method authorised in S.M.R.E. letter 28100 whereby old tyres could be renovated by application of patches secured by nuts and bolts inside and outside the cover.

11. Repair Unit reckons to produce a reserve of some 600 tyres repaired in this manner. Many have been completed and on inspection appeared a very satisfactory improvisation.

With these tyres they hope to tide the period pending a regular supply of new tyres.

Copy to: 10. R.L.N.

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